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Old Labour challenge to party chiefs

By James Landale, Political correspondent

THE Labour leadership was facing a crisis last night after failing in its latest attempt to force Rhodri Morgan to quit the race to be the First Secre-

tary of the Welsh assembly.
The party in Wales was on the verge of civil war as Mr Morgan, the "old Labour" candidate defeated last month by Ron Davies, insisted that he would not step aside for Alun Michael, the new Welsh Secretary, even though attempts will continue this week to stop him becoming Labour's official candidate.

All recent polls have shown Mr Morgan to be more popular and far better known that Mr Michael, who was promoted after Mr Davies resigned. And Labour MPs are warning that if Mr Michael is imposed. the party could suffer big losses to the nationalists in the assembly elections next summer.

Mr Morgan declared yesterday that Ian Paisley had a greater chance of becoming Pope than he had of agreeing to a "stitch-up" that would allow Mr Michael to have the top job ahead of him.

The Cardiff West MP said that he was overwhelmed by the popular support he was re-ceiving and made clear that an contest could be avoided only if Mr Michael stood down.

But it is clear that Labour leaders in Wales are trying to

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choose a method of selecting their candidate that will minimise Mr Morgan's chances.

Mr Morgan wants a straight one member, one vote election that will enable to capitalise on his popularity. But the leadership is likely to stick with the electoral college system that saw Mr Morgan defeated by Mr Davies last time. That gave a third of the votes each to the unions, MPs, and party members. MPs and unions are more likely to follow the leadership's wishes.

Meetings were held in Cardiff throughout the day as party officials sought to agree a method by which the prospective leader could be selected. They promised that whatever was agreed would not be a London "stitch up". But they failed to reach agreement and will meet again this week.

Mr Michael, Mr Morgan and a third contender. Wayne David - the former leader of Labour's Euro-MPs - also met senior officials to see if a possible "dream ticket" could be found, but while the meeting was "cordial", it was inconclusive. Last night Mr Morgan said

that a ballot of some sort was inevitable, adding that he was the only official candidate at the moment, since Mr Michael had yet to be selected even as an assembly candidate. Asked if a "dream ticket" was out the question, he said it could not be ruled out because it was still possible for Mr

Michael to stand down. Mr Michael meanwhile be gan his own campaign by pledging greater autonomy for the Welsh Labour Party - an attempt to scotch claims that he was being "parachuted in" by the leadership in London.

In a letter presented to the Welsh executive, he expressed his concern at divisions between the party in Wales and the party in London and admitted that key decisions over Euro and assembly candidates had angered many party faithful in Wales. He promised to raise their concerns with Tony Blair.



Agriculture Minister Nick Brown on a business-as-usual visit to Devon farms yesterday

Brown takes no action over 'outing' by press

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

IN his clearest vision yet of how he sees the future of the monarchy. Prince Charles dismisses the idea that Britain should copy the slimmed-down, cheaper Scandinavian

He is against scaling back any of the great ceremonial oc-

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casions and advocates a "privacy zone" to protect the Royal Family's personal lives.

Prince describes

his role as King

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

After the welter of books and documentaries to mark his 50th birthday, and the contradictory claims they have made in his name, the Prince cooperated with last night's Panorama programme on

He refused to be filmed but in private briefings described at length how he will behave as king. On the throne, he says he will continue to support any cause he fancies and speak out on any issue he feels

while he hopes to bring " a new informality" to the role he told the BBC this will not extend to saying any more about his relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles.

He spoke of his resentment at the "money-making industry" that has grown out of his

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fair prolonged and, in effect, means there will be no Commission investigation. Lord Wakeham, its chairman, said yesterday that action would depend on a complaint from

been very touched by the sup-

port he has received from close

colleagues and from the pub-

lic, including farmers. He is de-

ment by the press.

In a clear attempt to draw a line under the issue, the Agriculture Minister made plain Mr Brown A poll last night backed Mr Blair's decision to stand by Mr Brown. An ICM survey in The Guardian showed 52 per cent that he would be making no further comments on his pribelieved that being openly gay was compatible with being a vate life and Downing Street praised the media's handling yesterday of his disclosure on Saturday that he was gay. Cabinet Minister, with 33 per cent saying it was not.

Downing Street sources said Mr Prescott had been re-

Their move was in sharp contrast to the attack on news-papers yesterday by John Presferring to the "outing" of polcost, the Deputy Prime Minis-ter, who accused some as acting like "judge, jury and iticians rather than the way papers had handled the news yesterday, although he is executioner". Mr Prescott and known to have strong feelings poliocians from other parties about the press and the way it called on the Press Complaints has covered his family. Last night a spokesman for Commission to intervene over Mr Brown said that he "has the methods used by newspa-

NICK BROWN last night acted to bring a speedy end to controversy over his "outing"

as a homosexual by ruling out

any complaint about his treat-

pers to "out" politicians. But Mr Brown's action last night made clear that neither he nor Tony Blair wants the aftermined to get on with the job that the Prime Minister has entrusted him to do and has no intendon of making a complaint about the press coverage or of commenting further on his private life."

Downing Street took a lowkey approach yesterday. It made plain that Mr Blair will continue to allow gay minis-ters to maintain privacy over their sexuality. Sources emphasised that ability would be Mr Blair's sole criterion in judg-ing who should be in his Cabinet and Government. "Most people feel they are entitled to some sort of privacy. Some may wish to make public statements about their private lives. Others do not," the Prime Minister's spokesman

The Agriculture Minister yesterday conducted a business-as-usual tour of the West Country, visiting hard-pressed Devon farmers to discuss the crisis in agriculture.

Russian food shortage 'may endanger the West'

By Michael Binyon and Charles Bremner

RUSSIA is on the brink of severe food shortages that could pose a security threat to the West, intelligence sources have concluded.

The lears confirm Moscow's predictions that supplies could run out in weeks. Yesterday the European Commission proposed an emergency package of food aid worth £285 mil-lion to stave off starvation.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has said that "any sane person must regard the sinuation in Russia as serious — as it is for the Europeans as well". He said all intelligence reports agreed that food supplies would run out; the only argument was whether this would be in a few weeks' time

or in the spring.
Satellite intelligence pointed to March as the time when there would be localised shortages of staple foods. Mr Cook said this could have a "severe impact" on security in Europe.

Western intelligence services, especially the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, spend much time and energy looking at satellite data from Russia to determine food supplies, seen as a crucial factor in the stability of the Moscow Government Observations have already detected one of the worst grain and potato harvests for years. Supplies can be estimated by the loadings on lorries and trains.

The worry in Western capitals is that severe food shortages could lead to demonstrations and rioting that might topple the Russian Govern-ment. This could lead to unpre-

dictable policical consequences as well as the possible flight of thousands of refugees seeking food and shelter in the West.

Soldiers, already badly paid and suffering shortages so severe that some conscripts have starved to death, could be among those worst affected, esecially in Siberia. Aleksandr Lebed, the former general and governor of the huge Krasnoyarsk region, recently gave a warning of military munny unless food and wages were guaranteed, Neighbouring provinces are reported to be in an even

Moscow has privately begged Western governments for help to avoid an immediate economic and political crisis, but no formal proposal has yet been made to Brussels.

Both sides agree that emer-gency aid would be limited and should not become institu-

EU officials have given warning that if aid found its way into the wrong hands, it could end up back on world sians must promise not to reexport the food.
"We are taking this serious-

ly." Mr Cook said. "We want to assist Russia through this winter. But the country has more than enough capacity to feed its own people in the long term."

The proposed aid would include a million tonnes of wheat, half a million tonnes of rye, 100,000 tonnes of pig-meat, 150,000 tonnes of beef and 50,000 tonnes each of milk powder and rice.

All-hours pubs for New Year

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

ROUND-THE-CLOCK drinking in pubs and clubson New Year's Eve would be introduced from the millennium under government proposals an-nounced yesterday. Pubs and other licensed

premises are likely to open non-stop for 36 hours over the millennium — from Itam on New Year's Eve until last orders on New Year's Day. But ministers are proposing the concession should be extended to cover every New Year's Eve in the hope that it will reduce binge drinking in the last few minutes before closing time.

George Howarth, Home Office minister in charge of liq-uor licensing, said: "New Year's Eve is already a special occasion for many people, and the start of the millennium will be a particularly important event."

He said that he expected most licensed premises would want to stay open well beyond normal closing time for par-

Mr Howarth added that the Government thought it was time to ease ticensing laws for New Year's Eve in future. "A general relaxation of normal hours for each New Year's Eve would remove a significant

des to mark the beginning of

the year 2000.

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burden from the licensed trade. it would also benefit the

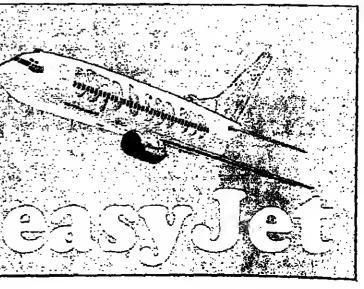
courts and the police service who have to consider each application. Last night, the proposal was welcomed by the brewing in-

dustry. John Tomlin, of the Li-censee and Morning Advertiser, said he did not think extended hours would lead to more public disorder. "There may well be fewer incidents," he



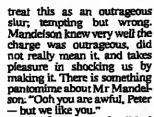


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State for Trade and Industry, Peter Mandelson; but be speaks as though his remarks are not to be taken on the obvious level; as though nothing is what it may seem. His trademark is the wink. He performs with the showily conspiratorial aplomb of a stage magician. You can almost smell the smoke.

Thus when Mr Mandelson told the Tories yesterday that their failure to share his enthusiasm for the Millennium Dome was due m a lack of pa-



One of the traps of political life is that in time a politician comes to believe his own prop-aganda: Lady Thatcher finally succumbed to hers. Tony Blair has to his. But Peter Mandelson shows absolutely no inclination to believe a word. He positively delights in the absurdity of the poses he strikes.



Consciously or otherwise, the attempt is to separate the politi-The Industry Secretary was

appearing yesterday wearing his Millennium Experience cap. One by one, backbenchers tilted at the elegantly-tailored windmill. Michael Fabri-cant (C. Lichfield) asked a shrewd question about the contractual terms (or lack of them) upon which private companies sponsor the Dome; Mandelson gave the shrewd answer: a string of wry vacuities. An eloquently scornful Austin Mitchell (Lab, Grimsby) complained that what had been billed as a celebration of British history had degenerated into "a mammoth piece of

commercial hucksterism". Totally ignoring Mr Mitch-ell's question, Mandelson of-fered so shamelessly wideeyed an encomium to the Millennium Experience's "Chil-

scheme — involving "seven children's charities" — that the implicit parody of the US tele-evangelist will have left TV searching their screens for a telephone number for credit-card pledges. Blair would have meant it; Mandelson was sniggering at

Lawrie Ouinn (Lab. Scarborlawrie Quinn (Lao, Scarborough & Whitby) put in a Mil-lennial plug for a Whitby brew-ery and Whitby kippers. So "magnificent" were the prod-ucts of Whitby, warbled Mandelson, almost rolling his eyes, that he wished he could move the whole of Whithy into the

himself.

classic its distinguishing char-acteristic being that the reference could be sold to two different markets in two different wrappers. For the provincial market (and Whithy Gazette)
this was "Dome Minister praises Whitby". For the illuminati of our Westminster political class, however, the headfine was "Peter speers at Whit-

It was a polished perform-ance. If Mr Mandelson did not, before leaving the Chamber, twirl a moustache or execute a stylish bow -- if we did not quite catch a flash of scarlet in the lining of his cloak -

it. Once, John Biffen and the late Nicholas Budgen used the implicit wink to keep our re-spect and their sanity. But the most accomplished practition-

handed sons of toil guess at another version. Mandelson's hubris is in the mockery. We loved the joke about Whitby kippers, but how long can you keep the joke from Whitby? Mandeslon risks the fury. scorned, of that kipper-produc-ing part of Britain which of classe politique.

er was Harold Macmillan. "Supermac," however, nev-er let on: never let the horny-

TORRENTIAL rain and gales gusting at up to 100 mph brought the north of Scotland to a virtual standstill yesterday, forcing airports to close

Grampian region were the bringing with them mountaincaught the tail-end of Hurri-

On Islay a 40ft section of em-

were grounded at Sumburgh Airport on Shetland, Scatsta Airport was closed. Some 500 homes in Shet-

A couple who went missing after a Sunday stroll were found by Grampian Police suf-fering from mild hypothermia near a rayine at Creaganducy. near Finzean, yesterday. Stephen Douglas, 36, and his wife Doreen, 35, from Stonehaven, Kincardineshire, were criticised hill walking without proper navigational skills.

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Gales put northern Scotland in chaos

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

bankment was washed away. damaging waterpipes and cutting off about 400 people. Tem-

ing boat, Sundari, with five crew on board was drifting without power 15 miles north of the Butt of Lewis as high seas prevented Stornoway coastguards from attaching a tow rope. The gales hit ferry services, with most sailings to the Hebrides and the Northern Isles cancelled. The winds. that topped 60mph in the central belt in the morning and reached 100mph in the mountain areas of Grampian, also made driving hazardous. The AA issued warnings for the Er-

land had their phones cut off after a BT digital line failed.

and cancelling ferries.

The Western Isles and the

worst hit by the storms that blew in from the west Atlantic, ous seas. Forecasters said the gales were thought to have cane Mitch.

porary repairs were completed last night. A Peterhead-registered fish-

skine and Forth road bridges. Most plane and belicopters

Beef ban could go by spring

NEWS IN BRIEF

Britain's farmers could be exporting beef by next spring. Nick Brown, the Agriculture Minister, predicted during a tour of the West Country. Beef exports have been banned by Europesince March, 1996.

Mr Brown said he hoped that EU agriculture ministers would approve a proposal for the lifting of the ban at a meet-ing on November 22 and 23 in Brussels. "I am not going to pretend that would be easy. There is a surplus of beef in There is a surplus of beef in Western Europe at the minute, so we are going to have to fight very, very hard to get back into those good markets that we have lost, but I am confident the industry can do it," he said.

Sex change bid

Three transsexuals are seek-ing to overturn North West Lancashire Health Authority's decision to refuse to pay for sex-change operations. The three have already start-"gender reassignment" treatment and are now in an acutely distressed mental and obysical state" a High Court judge was told.

Healthy profit

The Church of England has made £1 million a month profit from the company producing the impotence drug Viagra. the Commons was told. Labour's Stuart Bell, replying for Church Commissioners, said that investments in Pfizer had "turned over a recent profit of £3 million over three

Jones plea rebuff

Magistrates in Hemel Hempstead yesterday rejected a plea from the footballer Vinnie Jones to let him off community service work. He was given further 40 hours' communiy service for completing only lour hours of a 100-hour order imposed after he was convicted of attacking a neighbour.

Meningitis fear

Three girls at a day nursery with 50 children have caught meningococcal meningitis. The children, aged 15 months, 2 and 3 are in hospital. The Ladybird nursery in Fensianton. Cambridgeshire, has closed for a week and children at the school are being given anubiotics as a precaution.

Colours struck

The traditional wearing of Cambridge University's black bridge doctorates as inferior".

Jews now free of persecution, says Jakobovits

LORD JAKOBOVITS, the we cultivate our heritage and former Chief Rabbi, said last night that lewish communities worldwide were now free from persecution for the first time in more than 2,000 years.

Lord Jakobovits said that Jewish communities have made "colossal achievements" since the Holocaust.

He was speaking as British Jews gathered at Westminster Central Hall in London to mark the 60th anniversary of Kristallnacht. when Jewish businesses across Germany were burnt and looted.

His comments were support-ed by other leading members of the Jewish community and a leading Jewish think-tank. Lord Jakobovits said: "Jew-

ish fortunes have altogether been reversed in the intervening years [since Kristallnacht]. Maybe we are not sufficiently aware of this unmatched change in the Jewish experi-

"For the first time in over 2,000 years of the Jewish experience, there is not a single Jewish community anywhere in the world where Jews are officially persecuted because they are Jews. On the contrary, we have gained recognition and esteem to the extent to which pursue our historical assign-

Dr Jonathan Sacks, the current Chief Rabbi, said yesterday that he shared the view of Lord Jakobovits that the problems facing Jewish communities throughout Europe were now transformed. He pointed to the recent growth of synagogues and Jewish schools in the countries of the former So-

Dr Sacks said: "The challenge of the future is indifference within rather than hostility from outside the Jewish com-

Antony Lerman, director of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research, said: "Lord Jakobovits has expressed similar views to those expressed at recent seminars run by the Institute. Research under way at the Institute points to similar conclusions.

Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain, of the Maidenhead Reform synagogue, said: "I would cautiously agree with Lord Jakobovits. It is certainly true that Jews are much more at ease in the societies in which they live than ever before. However, it is a little bit optimistic to say there is no cor-

ner of the Earth where Jews are persecuted. There are Jews in the former Soviet Union who are very worried about the right-wing movements there. The few Jews left in Syria are not very happy. And in France, the growth of the Right Wing at a local level is causing difficulties for some

"But certainly, it is much better to be Jewish in the second half of the 20th century than at any other period in the last

2.000 years."
Lord Jakobovits's assertion is likely to run into opposition from Jewish activists, who complain of discrimination verging on persecution - in a number of countries (Michael

In particular, Jews in the Arab world and Iran have long come under suspicion of loyalty to Israel, and are barred from full political rights in several countries. The small Jewish communities in Iraq and Syria have often complained of harassment and discrimination. Entry into Saudi Arabia is difficult if a person's religion is given as

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Clegg returns for retrial

LEE CLEGG, the paratrooper convicted of murdering an 18-year-old passenger in a sto-len car, returned to Belfast yesterday to begin a fresh attempt to clear his name (Martin Fletcher writes).

The 30-year-old lance corporal sat impassive in the dock for the hour-long opening ses-sion of a retrial expected to last at least four weeks.

Nationalists were incensed last February when Northern Ireland's Appeal Court quashed Clegg's original con-

viction for the death of Karen

Reilly. "We feel very, very bit-ter," Sean Reilly, Karen's stepfather, said at yesterday's hear-Nationalist anger was fur-

ther inflamed when Mark Wright and James Fisher, the two Guardsmen jailed for murdering another Catholic teenager, were allowed to remain in the Army last week. About 20 demonstrators led by Peter McBride, the victim's father, waved placards outside the court.

But Clegg's supporters were optimistic. "We are quietly confident that a great wrong will be righted." Colonel Peter Field, former commander of the 1st Battalion the Parachute Regiment, said. Clegg's mother and stepfather were also in court yesterday.

Miss Reilly was shot and killed as the stolen car failed to stop at an army checkpoint in West Belfast in September 1990. The driver, Martin Peake, 17, also died.

Clegg was found guilty of murder in 1993 and jailed for life. He had two appeals reject-

tures demanding his release and in 1995 Sir Patrick Maybew, then the Northern Ireland Secretary, freed him on li-The Appeal Court eventual-

ly quashed Clegg's conviction and ordered a retrial in light of new forensic evidence sug-gesting he may have fired the fatal shot at the side of the speeding car, legitimately to protect his fellow soldiers. Reginald Weir, QC, for the

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prosecution, said yesterday there was "no legal justifica tion or excuse whatsoever" for the shooting. The car posed no danger to Clegg or any member of his patrol and "this must have been quite dear to them when they fired and continued to fire". Clegg's attempts to justify the shooting by claiming the car hit a soldier were "a subsequent invention to exculpate the soldiers who had fired when they began to realise the consequences of what they had

done". The trial continues.

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Charles

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The programme makers say the Prince "fully cooperated" with their documentary, Prince Charles at 50: A life in Waiting. It showed him to be "a traditionalist" who sees no purpose in reducing the role of the Household Division or the Palace and suggests that when he is king the only changes will be ones of style rather

The BBC insist they also had help from Palace courtiers and quoted a senior Buckingham Palace source as saying that the Queen does not think Charles is ready to be king. The unnamed source said the Queen believes that Prince Charles needs to sort out his troubled personal life before

he ascends the throne. If this aide is to be believed then the Queen has no inten-tion of meeting Camilla and is opposed to the couple marrying. The aide told Panorama that Her Majesty takes the view the public would never stand for a Queen Camilla, nor want her as married consort to King Charles.

Palace insiders are dubious as to whether it was sensible for the Prince to have cooperated on any of the projects timed for his birthday. One palace source said "It sows confusion is to who he or his staff helped and who they didn'r.

The Prince's adviser, Jonathon Porritt, says his personal life will not be a problem to his becoming king nor head of the Church of England. But a lead-ing critic of the prince. Rev David Streater of the Church Society, said his relationship with Mrs Parker Bowles was a problem that had to be resolved" or he risked becoming "a lame duck king".



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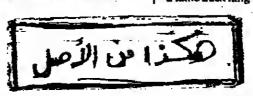
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Jackson: victory

By Frances GIBD LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE pop star Michael Jackson won an apology from The Mirror newspaper yesterday after a six-year libel battle to prove his famous face was nnt "hideously disfigured and visibly scarred."

The settlement was agreed after an unprecedented move in which the singer agreed to allow his features, stripped of all make-up, to be examined for 40 minutes in an hotel suite in Los Angeles.

In 1992 The Mirror had described the singer's face - the subject of in-

- as the "disfigured and scarred" result of repeated cosmetic surgery. It published a startling close-up photograph of Jackson, then 33, saying that he was a "scarred phantom whose face is covered with scar tissues, with a hole in his nose, one cheek higher than the other and an oddly sagging chin."

Jackson agreed to offer up his face for special scrutiny after being invited to do so by The Mirror. The issue went to the Court of Appeal which said unless he agreed, he

could not proceed with the libel proceedings which he launched over

not whether Jackson has had plastic surgery, which was not in dispute, but whether it was fair comment to condemn his whole face - parts of which (such as his cheeks) have escaped cosmetic intervention - as "hideously disfigured and scarred."

The question has prompted many column inches - ranging from the shape of the singer's nose to the col-

In 1993 Jackson, whose skin has nonceably lightened over the years, said that he had a skin disorder which destroyed pigmentation of the skin. He denied any kind of skin

bleaching. Jackson said in an interview with Oprah Winfrey, the chat show host, that the disorder was inherited inrough a "rogue gene" from his father and that using make-up evened it out. He also spoke of how he had had plastic surgery to change the shape of his nose and admitted he rarely looked in the mirror because he thought he was so

To senie the dispute, a small Jackson entourage met the two teams of lawyers from Britain at the Universal Hilton in Los Angeles: for The Mirror was Charles Collier-Wright, the newspaper's legal adviser, and a British plastic surgeon, Christopher Ward, while for Jackson were two lawyers from Olswang, the London law firm, Jackson's American lawyer and the singer's own physician. Mr Ward, who is reured from full-time practice, examined the singer's face, with Jackson's own doctor

in attendance, for about 40 minutes and with the benefit of special light-Mr Collier-Wright recalled: "It was quite low key. I don't remember any body guards. Michael was wearing his usual clothes, black trousers

and a red shirt, I think. He was very

courteous.". Marcus Barclay, of

Olswang, solicitor for the singer, said vesterday: "Obviously from his perspective it was quite an imposition. But he was willing to go through with it in order to be able to pursue the proceedings."

The results of the examination are now in a confidential report before

Mr Barelay told Mr Justice Popplewell in London yesterday that the lingation had been settled amicably" on confidential terms. No mention was made of any damages and it is thought unlikely The Mirror paid any, although it probably paid some legal costs.

Bishop reveals sins of Middle England

A BISHOP drew aside the lace curtains of his affluent, mid-dle-class diocese yesterday to reveal wife-beaters, drug ad-

dicts and suicidal executives. The Right Rev John Gladwin. Bishop of Guildford, said that the facade of wealth and prosperity in the stockbroker belt of Surrey hid growing problems of social need and

We are used to stories of urban deprivation but the words deprivation and Surrey rarely occur in the same sentence," he said, calling for the area to be viewed in a new light. "Surrey is the major part of my diocese, where deprivation tends to be well hidden."

The diocese is so concerned about the extent of social deprivation in a county more associated with the gin-and-Jaguar set that it has launched a "Neighbours in Need" campaign. The diocese also plans to conduct a poster campaign highlighting child drug-taking, domestic violence and

Bishop Gladwin said the problems included a high divorce rate, domestic violence, above-average suicide rates in some parts of the county, drug addiction and loneliness. But the "stiff upper lip" culture still endemic in the diocese meant thousands of people were still too proud to ask for

The problems emerged in two surveys, by the diocesan Board of Social Responsibility and Surrey County Council.

Wife-beating, drug addiction and suicide stalk suburbia, says the Church. Ruth Gledhill reports

nearly four in 1en 15 and 16-year-olds had experimented with drugs: one in three women had suffered domestic violence; more than 35,000 disabled people in Surrey needed support and care: and more than 70,000 people had mental health probloems.

With a huge proportion of Surrey's population commuting to London each day, leaving home in the early hours and returning late at night, people had no time to know their neighbours. "Although Surrey's picture-book villages look like close communines. this is often not the case," said Bishop Gladwin, who wants to raise £250,000 for the cam-

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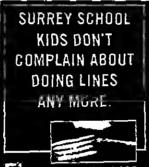
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"But the fact that this is Surrev with its stockbroker-belt image means these very real issues often get sidelined or swept under the carpet. Domestic violence is a big problem and its victims often feel trapped and very isolated.

This county also has one of the highest divorce rates in England, which in turn has one of the highest in Europe. Drug abuse is very prevalent and especially worrying is the spread of recreational drugs use among schoolchildren."
He said that even the rich



Posters highlighting the Neighbours in Need campaign

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sometimes needed help. "/ healthy bank account does not immunise your family against disability or protect your children from experimenong with

"Considering that the Unit-ed Kingdom has the highest divorce rate in Europe, family breakdown is a real problem for us. There is particular concern that boys from broken homes may lack role models. He drew attention to the finding that boys excluded from schools in Surrey outnumbered girls by three to one.

Domestic violence was "surprisingly prevalent", with one in three women being abused by her husband or partner. Some districts, such as Guildford and Tandridge, had "considerably more" suicides than the national average.

Bishop Gladwin said that people were reluctant to seek assistance. 'There is a strong coping culture in Surrey. People think they ought to be able to cope, and they don't ask for

The Neighbours in Need campaign, launched at Guildlord Cathedral, is intended to increase awareness of social problems within the county and to persuade more people to do voluntary work.

Daphne Plaskow, who runs helpline for Surrey drug abusers, said: "Surrey has this image of people living isolated lives at the end of long drives. but few realise that it is frequently those with the biggest drives that have the largest



Murder charge **GP** faces committal

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A FAMILY doctor charged with murdering four of his elderly women patients will appear before magistrates today as police prepare to exhume three more bodies.

Harold Shipman, 52, is expected to be committed for trial by Tameside magistrates in Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester, on charges of murdering Kathleen Grundy. SI, and falsifying her will to make himself the main benefi-

ciary. Police are now investigating the circumstances surrounding the deaths of up to 116 patients over the last 14 years. The number of cases has risen sharply after concerned relatives contacted a local health authority helpline. Four women pagents who died lived on the same road in Gee Cross, on the outskirts of Hyde. They include Mrs Grundy and Joan Dean, 75, a former extra in

Coronation Street. Greater Manchester Police is preparing to dig up the remains of three more women this week, bringing the total number of exhumations to nine since the inquiry was launched in August. The bodes of frene Turner, 67, Jean Lilley, 48, and Alice Kitchen, 70, will all be exhumed by Thursday. They will be reinterred on the same day.

Dr Shipman, who runs a practice in Hyde, is also charged with murdering Bianka Pomfret. 49. Joan Melia

Keys dropped in woods could belong to killer

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

KEYS found near the body of Jennifer King, who was strangled on her way home from a disco, are likely to have been dropped by her killer, police said yesterday.

The two Yale-type keys, found during a search of the copse where Miss King's body was discovered a week ago today, are the first solid clue. More than 20 copies have been given to police making house-to-house inquiries.

Miss King, 22, was killed as she made her way home to Warmley, a suburb of Bristol. Detective Superintendent Bill Davies said yesterday: There is a very strong possi-bility that these keys belong to the person who killed Jennifer.

From the condition of these keys, it would appear that they have not been at that location for any length of ome."

Mr Davies appealed for anyone who recognised the keys to come forward. One is brass and stamped with Made in England and the code RSTIA. The other key, which is silvercoloured, is stamped Mr Minit on the front with the number 314 in a circle on the rear. They

are joined by two simple rings. He said: "It is important members of the public contact us if they have any suspicion. If anyone came home early last Saturday morning, the day Jennifer disappeared, and was locked out and banging on the door — let us know."



The keys that were found near Jennifer King's body

Open verdict on lecturer who hanged himself

By PETER FOSTER

AN ACADEMIC who was sacked for allegedly plagiarising his students' work hanged himself from the window of his study as his girlfriend looked on, an inquest was told yesterday.

Yesterday at a hearing in Birmingham, Suzanne Orsler, 36, related how Ian Connell, a lecturer in television and media studies at Wolverhampton University with whom she lived, had become depressed after being dismissed for professional misconduct. After a disciplinary hearing he was sacked last May despite ap-

pealing against the decision.

Ms Orsler said that Dr Connell, 49, had become increasingly stressed about the prospect of ever finding academic employment again. On June 29, Ms Orsler said,

she had returned home from a night out with friends when her partner came into the bedroom. "He said I've got something to show you.' so I went with him up to the office in the attic. He walked to the side

where there is a platform in front of the window.l saw something around his neck that looked very strange. There was a sort of noose

thing." Then Dr Connell placed his head in a noose made from a skipping rope without a slip knot. Dr Connell then picked his knees up before slumping down - suspended from a beam in the roof.

Miss Orsler continued: "I suddenly realised what he had done. I tried to pick him up and lift him onto the platform. He was very heavy and I then started to shout at him. I then went to phone the ambulance service and when I returned I

realised that he was dead." A pathologist's report said the pressure to Dr Connell's neck killed him instantly.

Recording an open verdict, the Coroner, Richard Whittington, said: "I do not believe that there is enough evidence that he wanted to take his own life. In my mind there are too

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Surviving the millennium excess

IT IS good news for all hearty drinkers that the Government has decided that Bacchus and the millennium can be toasted in style and that the pubs will stay open for 36 hours. Statistics have shown that

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opening hours usually have little relevance to drunkenness, for if the bar is open only for a short time the regulars down their drinks that much faster. If drinks are served for a longer period, they just drink more slowly. However, it is a reasonable bet that New Year 1999 will disprove the sta-

tistical norm. How can we survive a long vening's drinking so that we hay not only welcome in the n'w millennium but actually remember its arrival? The secret will be to eat as one drinks, and to drink slowly. For the unaccustomed drink-



er, the human body metabolises alcohol at the rate of one drink an hour. If those celebrating drank no faster than this, they would remain sober enough to meet Ian Paisley or the local chief constable without exciting suspicion. Accus-tomed drinkers whose livers are still fighting fit can metab-

olise alcohol 33 per cent faster. The choice of drink is also very important. Surprisingly. whisky, or other spirits, although 40 per cent alcohol, are more slowly absorbed than some much weaker wines. The spirits, when they

land in the stomach, shock the pylorus, the outlet of the stomach, into contracting so that the alcohol does not slip quickly through into the small intestine, where the alcohol is rapidly absorbed into the blood

Alcohol is less speedily absorbed through the stomach lining. Some drinks, such as champagne, are reasonably strong but deceptively bland so that the stomach, like the naive drinker, is fooled and the drink rapidly passes, despite its strength, into the small intestine.

Binge drinking, whether for 12, 24 or 36 hours, has its risks. Evidence from Sweden shows that the admission of alcohol-related medical disasters increases with binge drinking with every type of drink except red wine. Excessive quantities of red

wine, like other alcoholic drinks. may encourage irregularity of the heart but dangerous blood clots are unlikely to block the arteries. To make the best of the 36

bours, book your restaurant table now, do not be deceived by the apparent mildness of the champagne and, like a good long distance runner, pace yourself throughout the marathon session.

Dr Thomas STUTTAFORD

Ad campaign tackles violence in the home

Ministers want to help traumatised child victims, reports Valerie Elliott

WHEN DRYS CAME TO THE AID OF WETS

Ferninists might have blamed a male chauvinist plot for

the hosing down of journalists and officials who attended

the launch of the Government's new strategy for women

unscheduled intervention by a fire sprinkler (Valerie Elliott writes). The ministers Baroness Jay of Paddington. Tessa Jowell and Helen Liddell escaped the deluge and

were evacuated from the basement of the Commonwealth

were evacuated from the basement of the Commonwealth Club, near Trafalgar Square. But Anna Healey, adviser to Jack Cunningham, the Cabinet enforcer, Jackie Ashley, TRN's political correspondent, and Robin Mountfield, Permanent Secretary at the Cabinet Office, were caught in the downpour. Ms Jowell organised a mop-up with paper napkins and ordered reinforcements white lines (ablackodus, arrived and the ministers carried on, enthusiasm unitsimpetied.

yesterday. The explanation was more prosaid

are violent towards them or their mothers are being encouraged to report them to advisers on such problems, or to

advertise-Government ments intended to make domestic violence socially unacceptable are to be broadcast on elevision in Scotland over the Christmas period, and in the rest of the country next year. The campaign is part of the Government's new strategy on women's issues, which was unveiled yesterday by Baroness Jay of Paddington, Leader of the Lords and Cabinet Minister for Women, and Tessa Jowell. Women's Minister in the Commons, and which constitutes a departure from 1970sstyle feminism.

One in five women suffers domestic violence in Scotland, and one in four women in England. Helen Liddell, Scottish Women's Minister, said yesterday that it was "the ultimate unreported crime", and knew no barriers in class or location". She suggested that the al-cohol consumption and stress associated with the Christmas period sometimes triggered violence in the home.

Mrs Liddell said that the advertisements would show what appeared to be the perfect family. The father comes home from work, plays with the children, and then turns

on the mother because his sup-per is not on the table. Voices are raised, and the man chaland horror on the children's faces. We need to get that mes-sage across behind the lace curtains and to tell everyone they lenges the woman's credentials as a mother and wife. As have a part to stop this abuse the row develops physically the horrified reactions of the in the home. children are highlighted. No

we want children to recog-nise that it is not acceptable and we want children in abus-ing households to recognise violence is shown on screen. Mrs Liddell said: "The film that help is there for them." will focus on the look of fear

A telephone hotline number will be screened, and the advertisment will also suggest that children should not be afraid to speak out to teachers. Mrs Liddell emphasised, however, that the best people to deal with violence in the home were organisations with exper-tise in the problem.

Mrs Liddell also wants to

reach women who are suffer ing silently at home at the hands of husbands and part-

Lady Jay hopes to publish a document on the best projects round the country tackling domestic violence. Ministers are impressed with the work of various local authorities in is-The group Rights for Wom-



Baroness Jay with pupils at North Westminster Community School, where she launched the new initiative

suing battered women with mobile telephones and panic buttons so that they can summon help. In Manchester, schools have been provided with guidance on coping with

en praised the advertising campaign. A spokeswoman said it was "really important that domestic violence takes into account the impact of the abuse on children. I would also like there to be more apportunities for children to be heard. Seeing violence has a terrible impact on them."

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, drew attention to the problem in his recent Green Paper on the family, which neglect or abuse, their mothers were also abused. "Domestic violence can cause severe emotional and behavioural problems for children, who are often able to give detailed

Mother's role is best model for one girl

TERRI ROACHE, 16, who is studying A levels in chemistry, maths and theatre studies, has no need for Baroness Jay's proposed panel of celebrity role models.

The woman she looks up to most is her mother. Beverly File, who has brought up two children on her own while working as a nanny.

"Even though she may not he seen as successful in other people's eyes, to me she is the most successful person l know. It is her strength and her hard work that I really admire." Ms Roach said.

The fact that her mother had to cope with two daughters on her own, far away from her own family in Barbados, is a constant source of admiration and inspiration for Ms Roach. "She has worked so hard to pass on her strict moral values to me and my sister. Yet at the same time she is the kind of mother you can

Ms Roach, who met Lady Jay when she visited North Westminster Community School in North London yesterday, said it was insulting to girls to suggest that they might chose someone like Geri Halliwell, the former Spice Girl, as a role model. "I don't look up to her. She has not worked really hard to get where she has in the same way that my mum has." Her other role models, she added, are people such as Harriet Tubman, a slavery abolitionist born in North America in 1820 who led 300 slaves to freedom after escaping from a plantation in Maryland in

Ms Roach said she had very few female role models, largely because in school she was "only really taught about

John Coleman, head of the Trust for the Study of Adolescence in Brighton, said that few teenage girls chose pop-stars or other celebrities as role models. "The real influence over young girls comes from adults they come into contact with every day, such as their mum or a teacher." he

He added, however, that teenage girls would draw inspiration from seeing more women succeed in responsible positions, in Parliament or business. "We clearly do need to work harder as a society to provide routes for young girls to success," he said.

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Camelot

By Carol Midgley CAMELOT is seeking to improve the public image of the National Lottery with an adverrising campaign emphasis-

ing the good causes it helps rather than the individual

on a Iresh approach after research showed the public want-

ed to know more about where their money was going and that they associated lottery handouts with controversial

payments such as the £12 mil-

lion for the Winston Churchill

papers and the £78 million to-

wards the redevelopment of

Camelot is also abandoning

the catchy "It Could Be You" slogan", and the pointing fin-

ger, which were devised by Saatchi and Saatchi. Dianne

Thompson, of Camelot, said

that the lineer, though highly effective, had become "almost

The campaign will highlight

grants to local communities,

such as the £66,000 which

went to a brass band in Dur-ham and the £140,000 paid to improve athletics facilities at

the Terence MacMillan stadi-

um in London. Four more lo-

cal projects will feature in fu-

ture commercials, and there

will be versions for local radio.

The new slogan, devised by

the advertising agency WCRS, is "Maybe, Just Maybe". Ms Thompson said that it was not

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Sensitive heroes get censor's vote

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Change of direction: DiCaprio and Schwarzenegger

New film chief would rather watch DiCaprio than Schwarzenegger, reports Carol Midgley

BRITAIN'S new chief film cen-sor has welcomed the urend away from macho heroes such as Arnold Schwarzenegger towards more sensitive role models like Leonardo DiCaprio. Robin Duval, 57, who next year succeeds James Ferman

as the director of the British Board of Film Classification, said that he had been uncomfortable about the number of gratutiously violent films such as Eraser and Terminator which had flooded the market in the 1980s and 1990s, making icons of actors such as Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone.

He also said that he had not liked the violence in Quentin Taratino's films Reservoir Dogs and Pulp Fiction and believed that Tarantino would soon need to find "another hole to come out of" creatively.

"I think Tarantino is an incredible talent, but I didn't particularly like the violence in those films. Having said that, I don't think Reservoir Dogs is as violent as its reputation suggests. It's very bloody but you

don't actually see a lot of the violence on screen," he said. Mr Duval, currently the dep-

uty head of programming at the television watchdog, the Independent Television Commission which regulates taste and decency, said that there seemed to be a "minor tidal movement" away from machis-

He said: "Personally I think that over the last ten to 15 years. Hollywood has put out far more films in which violence is a main feature than 1 am comfortable with.

"It is a Hollywood problem, however. It is not reasonable to turn to the BBFC and say 'll's your fault - you should have stopped this. Now there is a movement away from the violent, macho heroes in the early Nineties. The Stallones and Schwarzeneggers are all getting rather old and losing their charm.

"Hollywood is now moving towards less aggressive heroes like Tom Hanks and Leonardo DiCaprio who, let's be honest, is the opposite of machis-



Robin Duval: "Over the last ten to 15 years, Hollywood has put out far more films in which violence is a main feature than I am comfortable with"

mo." Hanks received acclaim for his portrayal of the gentle but slow hero Forest Gump in the Hollywood film, while Di-Caprio played a similar part as an endearing, mentally re-tarded boy in What's Eating Gilbert Grape? and was the classic, non-aggressive hero in

Titanic. Mr Duval said that he would not single out any violent films in particular for criticism but objected more to their

any particular films in mind. The problem is where there is a flow of violent movies at

These things are cyclical. It would be naive to think they [violent films] have left Hollywood for good, but I welcome the changing emphasis."
Mr Duval's favourite film is

the 1956 classic western The Searchers, starring John Wayne, He also cited Ingmar Bergman's 1957 film Smultronanother favourite. "I must have seen The Searchers a dozen times or more," he said. "It is a great movie."

Mr Duval, a father of four daughters, is being followed into the industry by two of his children, now in their twenties. Polly Duval produces feature films for Channel 4, while Sophie Duval is an actress who has just finished making a Mike Leigh film about Gilbert and Sullivan,

reign than the ITC allowed Channel 5 to screen the extremely violem Natural Born Killers. However, he defended the decision explaining that it had been broadcast very late

and censored in parts. Mr Ferman, who he succeeds in january, has been in the job 24 years and has been heavily criticised for being too liberal as a censor.

Mr Duval said: "I think anybody that moves into a job

Jim has done a fine job, however. I think fundamentally I'm very similar to him.

"I was very flattered to see myself called a Channel 4 liberal in the Daily Mail. I think a lot of people at Channel 4 would find that very amusing.

"I think the regulator has to be very caudous before steaming in and telling British people they don't know sufficiently what's good for them and that they have to have it im-

but to persuade people to keep playing the game in the knowledge that "even if they do not win a cash prize, everybody is a winner because lottery grants help the whole community". She said: 'The hand of good fortune very much singled out the individual. I think

the pointing finger became a bit intimidating in the end." "The chances of winning the jackpot are very slim. We thought we should be more honest about what the lottery is. We want people to feel good

about playing it."
Currently, 58 per cent of Britain's adult population play the lottery regularly, compared with 60 per cent at the lottery's peak a few years ago. Camelot is eager to stem the decline.

Strong women get the blame for BBC's Vanity failure

By Carol Midgley MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

AUDIENCES for Vanity Fair, the BBC's much hyped costume dra-ma, fell to six million on Sunday, at-

tracting only one in four viewers. The £6 million dramatisation of William Makepeace Thackeray's novel won a 25 per cent share of the audience while the Inspector Wexford police drama gained a 46 per cent share and just over 10 million

viewers, according to early figures. This was despite large advertisements placed in the press by the BBC, drawing viewers' attention to the drama and to a series of excellent critical reviews.

Last week Vanity Fair pulled in 6.8 million, as viewers opted to watch an old repeat of Taggart on ITV. Next week the ratings are likely to drop further as the BBC moves it back half an hour in the schedule to 9.30pm to ensure it does not have

to compete with ITV's Heartbeat. It will then, however, be bead-to-head with Cold Feet, the comedy drama starring Helen Baxendale which won a Silver Rose at the Montreux Film Festival

The performance of Vanity Fair has prompted speculation that the BBC may have created a backlash to period dramas by choosing novels with strong female leads. Andrew Davies, who adapted

Vanity Fair and Pride and Preju-

dice for the BBC, has admitted be was pressurised by women producers to play up female roles.

He said women viewers wanted to be like the feisty, attractive characters while male viewers "want to go to bed with them".

Suzanne Harrison, who produced Vanity Fair, The Tenant of Wildfell Hall and Tom Jones for the BBC, said there had been a deliberate policy towards strong females "to emphasise their roles" and point

cy with regard to plot and language. "I'm not sure the BBC any longer knows what it wants," he

The BBC yesterday said it was de-

out the "connection with today's

David Noakes, professor of Eng-

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lish at University College London, spokesman said. who adapted The Tenant of Wild-fell Hall for the BBC said he would People have a choice. But if six millioo people are watching this, be reluctant to do any more. He that is great. Thackeray would be said there needed to be more accuradancing in the streets.

lighted with the ratings and the reviews, "It is a buge critical success

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"We are confident the consolidated figures will show nearer eight million. It is a piece of some ambition and we challeoge ITV to match

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Dobson accused of fiddling as NHS lists fall

By Roland Watson, Political Correspondent

THE fifth consecutive monthly fall in National Health Service waiding lists was overshadowed last night by Conserva-

tive charges that the figures were being fiddled. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, said that the health service could face the coming months without trepidadon as he announced plans to avert a winter crisis. They included confirmation that Britain's 3.4 million people aged over 75 are to be offered free flu injections, which cost an average of

Setting out how he proposed to spend the extra £250 million channelled to the health service by Gordon Brown in his pre-Budget report, Mr Dob-son said: "Unless the weather is exceptionally harsh or there a major flu epidemic, the NHS can face this winter with confidence."

Mr Dobson addressed the

Commons as Department of 2,000 in September, the fourth Health figures showed the number of padents waiting to be admitted to NHS hospitals fell by 29.100 in September. the largest monthly fall.

Waiting lists have now fallen by 99,000 from their April peak to 1.21 million. It puts the Government on course to meet its mid-term pledge of cutting the figures to 1.16 million by

next April, and then a further 100,000 by the next election. Yesterday's figures reveal the extent to which the concentration of political effort and channelling of resources into cutting lists - one of the Gov-ernment's five key election promises - has borne fruit.

The NHS treated 247,000 more patients in the first six months of this year than it did in the first six months of 1997. The number of people waiting more than 12 months for hospital treatment fell by more than

> cluded in monthly returns", according to new guidelines.
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> Miss Widdecombe added that many padents were being sidelined into "hidden lists" before they were even given a consultant's appointment. making it look as though lists

monthly fall, and by 9,000, or

13 per cent, since June. The figures allowed Mr Do-

bson to proclaim that waiting

lists were falling faster than at

any time in the history of the

NHS. Tony Blair also hailed

the news, saying: "We've now turned the ship around."

Shadow Health Secretary,

said Mr Dobson's figures

were "a million light years from reality". She published a.

dossier showing that patients

were being held back from the

waiting list figures and sug-

gesting that waiting times for out-patient appointments with

A memo from Marilyn Tattersall, waiting list manager at the Bradford Hospitals NHS

Trust, said patients waiting

for operations to remove metal-

work, which would include a

number waiting for hip re-placements, should "not be in-

consultants were growing.

But Ann Widdecombe, the

were falling. Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat health spokesman, accused ministers of "fiddling waiong list numbers to meet their election pledge".



Beryl and Arthur Baker at the entrance to the new ramblers' right of way that goes through their extended house

Right to roam through family home

A COUPLE who ran into problems when they decided to extend their stone cottage because a 3ft-wide public right of way ran alongside it have come up with an unusu-

Arthur Baker has provided ramblers with a far-from scenic alternative route by providing a tunnel through the extended cottage in Wetley Rock, in the Stafford-shire moorlands. Now walkers are diverted along a 40ft long, 10ft high passage to maintain their roaming rights." Everybody is happy, especially us." Mr Baker, 55, a property developer, said yesterday. The Ramblers' Association praised the

- a gateway to Staffordshire's Churnet Valley - as an excellent example of consideration and co-operation. The path is intact, in exactly the same place it always has been and that is wonderful," John Trevelvan, the association's deputy director, said

It cost Mr Baker and his wife Beryl, 51,

which is paved, lit and has handrails. They often hear ramblers trudging be-neath their study, sun lounge and family bathroom. The tunnel leads to a stile in their back garden that points the route to the Churnet Valley.

"We get on well with all the ramblers." Mr Baker said. "We could have tried to divert the footpath, but we felt the tunnel was the best idea for everyone involved. Having plenty of people around deters the burglars and we feel more secure,"

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BANISHING CELLULITE

A sell-out herbal remedy that claims to banish cellulite could be on sale in Britain within months, its manufacturers said yesterday. Cellasene first went on sale in Australia where the entire supply of 90,000 boxes at £20 each sold out within hours. The remedy — a mixture of evening primrose oil, seaweed, gingko biloba and sweet clover extract, among other herbs - may arrive in Britain in March and be stocked by Boots.

However, the company has demanded more clinical trials before making a decision.

Scientist wages court campaign on mobile phone 'risk'

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES MOBILE telephones can seriously damage your health, a scientist told a

court yesterday.
Roger Coghill, who runs an independent science laboratory in South Wales, was launching a private prose-cution against a mobile phone retailer who declined to warn purchasers of the potential "major health haz-

If he wins the case, which he is bringing under the Consumer Protec-tion Act, mobile phones will in future come with health warnings similar to those on cigarette packets.

Mr Coghill claims that using a mobile phone for more than 20 minutes at a time can increase the risk of cancers and other health problems.

Mr Coghill, 58, bought two £130 mobile telephones from Mobile Communication Services in Cwmbran. Gwent. His barrister. Hugo Charlton. QC, told magistrates at Abergavenny: "Legislation says that goods should carry instructions or warnings but the shop is doing nothing to warn the public about any risks. We say that a warning against excessive use would be reasonable in making the product safer."

Wayne Morgan, 41, the owner of the shop, denies supplying a faulty mobile telephone and failing to comply with safety requirements.

Mr Coghill, an expert in electro-

magnetic radiation who lives in Pontypool. Gwent, said: "I was concerned there were no warning labels on the mobile phones. I alerted Mr Morgan to my concerns and he was quite happy to put a notice in the shop saying there might a risk but he refused to put a label on them." Mr Coghill said a study at Colorado State University of ISO mobile phone users showed those who used them most had a lower level of a brain hor-

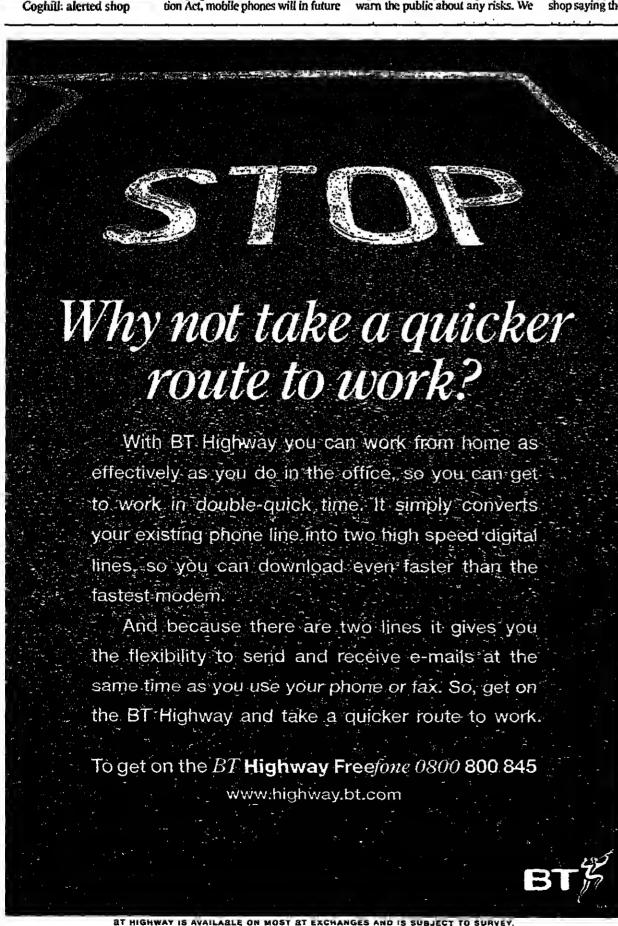
mone that helps to prevent cancer. His first witness, Alisdair Phillips, an electronics expert, said he had invesogated many complaints by mobile phone users. "I have received frequent reports from regular phone users of headaches, loss of concentra-tion, skin tingling or burning, and twitching. The complaints can involve eye tics, short-term memory

loss, buzzing in the head at night and other effects such as tiredness,"

Mr Phillips, an expert in electromagnetic fields, recently led a team of scientists commissioned to investigate the possible health risks posed the Kuwait Jelephone network, which has a large number of mobile phone users.

He said: "I believe there is now adequate evidence to insist that all mobile phone handsets should be reto have a suitable warning auired

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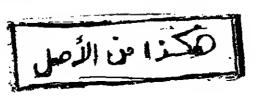
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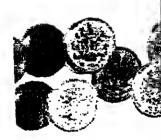
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US bugged me in Bosnia, says General Rose

UN's British commander tells Michael Evans that the Americans suspected him of being soft on the Serbs

GENERAL Sir Michael Rose, the former United Nations military commander in Bosnia, revealed yesterday that his headquarters in Sarajevo may have been bugged by the Americans because they were con-vinced he supported the Bos-

Washington, which made no secret of its backing for the Muslims, wanted the UN peacekeeping force in adopt an aggressive approach towards the Serbs, and resented General Rose's attitude.

"I wasn't pro-Serb or pro-Muslim, I was supposed to be the mediator, not take sides, but I had to educate the Americans before they understood what the mission in Bosnia was about," he said.

He became convinced that certain officials in the US State Department were deliberately trying to undermine his efforts as the head of the peacekeeping force.

General Rose, the former Director Special Forces who commanded the SAS in the Falklands War in 1982, suspected that his office was being bugged when distorted reports began emerging in Washing-

ning the peacekeeping opera-tion in Bosnia. He said false facts about the war in Bosnia were being fed to Congress and he was accused of being and-Muslim. In an interview with The Times to mark the publication yesterday of Fighting for Peace, his personal account of his year as command-er-in-chief of the UN Protecdon Force in 1994-95, General Rose said that before the Americans became involved in the peacekeeping effort and sent ground troops, he realised that all his communications were

ion about the way he was run-

When he later asked the Americans if they were also bugging his headquarters. 'they never denied it".

being electronically intercept-

Although he was full of praise for the huge contribution which the Americans even-tually played in bringing peace to Bosnia, during the early stages of his ome as UN chief in Sarajevo he had a running battle with some of the American officials.

In his first week in Sarajevo in January 1994, he was visited by a "strange shadowy figure straight out of a Graham



General Rose says eavesdropping led to emergence in Washington of distorted reports about his operation

Greene novel" called Fred Cuny, an ex-US Marine Corps officer who was running a wa-ter project in Sarajevo for the International Rescue Commit-

"We assumed he was working for the CIA," General Rose

At the meeting, the American was highly critical of the UN and demanded "tough military action against the Bosnian Serbs"

General Rose said: "Even though I explained to him that we were about to launch a new strategy based on a tougher keeping, he didn't believe me.

He said he would do everything he could to undermine me, unless I could demonstrate my resolve by action on the ground. At which point I threw him out."

On another occasion, he vas visited by General John Galvin, former Supreme Allied Commander Europe who had been appointed by President Clinton to advise on a new structure for the Bosnian

General Rose said: "We were escorted by a woman from the US Embassy who, in my view, was the most hostile American I met during all my time in Bosnia." As they flew

by helicopter towards Tuzla in the north, she pointed at all the destroyed villages high in the Zvijezda mountains and "exclaimed excitedly" to General Galvin: "Look at what the criminal Serbs have done."

In fact, General Rose said, they were Bosnian Croat villages ethnically cleansed by the Muslim forces.

Later when they visited Mos-tar in the south where the Croats had virtually destroyed the Muslim sector in the eastern part of the town, the US official "planted her hands on her ample hips" and cried: Well, at least this was done by the criminal Serbs." Gener-

into tears when it was pointed out that the Croats had been to blame. "The fact was not lost on Galvin." he said. General Rose who retired

from the Army as Adjutant-General in 1996, said the lessons learned during the mission in Bosnia had led the way towards a more mature and re alistic attitude towards peace-As for those who led the war-

ring factions in Bosnia, he said: "I had unter contempt for

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Russian grave may hold our soldiers

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE EDITOR

THE Ministry of Defence is investigating reports of a mass First World War grave in northern Russia that could contain the remains of dozens

of Briosh soldiers. The grave has been discovered in a field near Kandalaksha, south of the Russian sub-

marine base at Murmansk.

A Ministry of Defence official said: "We don't know for sure at this stage whether the grave has British remains in it

but we are investigating." The Ministry is examining 80-year-old records to establish whether any servicemen were killed in that area. Discussions are also being held with the Russian authorioes.

It is believed that the re-mains could be casualties from the British contingent of the international intervention force sent to Murmansk and Archangel in 1918 in a covert attempt to overturn the Russian revolution. The force, drawn largely from Britain, the United States, France and Japan, fought alongside the White Russians, but was defeated by the Red Army.

A spokeswoman said that the number of soldiers buried there was thought to be in "the tens rather than hundreds".
If it is established that the re-

mains are British, the Army Casualty Cell will begin trying to identify the dead soldiers. and then contact surviving rel-

Extraditing Pinochet will 'damage good relations with Chile'

BRITAIN should not damage its good diplomatic relations with Chile by agreeing to extradite General Augusto Pinochet to Spain on allegations of kidnap, torture and murder, five Law Lords were told

It should also refuse to interfere with the delicate balance of Chile's political stability by passing judg-ment on the way it had achieved democratic rule, it was argued.

Clare Montgomery, QC, counsel for General Pinochet, told an ap-

of state when the allegations against him were said to have occurred. The Crown Prosecution Service, on behalf of Spain, has argued that the General should be ex-

Ms Montgomery told the hearing that, since 1990, when the former dictator stepped down as they should uphold a High Court . turn to democratic rule, he had en-

Rose in Sarajevo: "I wasn't pro-Serb or pro-Muslim"

London, including one as a guest of a government agency, the Royal Ordnance. On each of these visits the Government afforded him treatment consistent with his status as a former head of state or as a tradited for his "crimes against humember of a diplomatic mission.

This implied endorsement of his Ms Montgomery argued that bringing criminal proceedings flicted with individual state law

ganise their own internal affairs in a way that could secure peaceful

Law lords are being urged not to interfere with country's balance of political stability, reports Joanna Bale

She drew comparisons with the political situation in South Africa, where the Truth and Reconciliation Commission had been established to try to balance the need for justice with the need for reconciliation. It was argued that it would upset the delicate internal balance in former President, were to be arrested in Britain for extradition to a

third country in connection with al-

leged crimes committed during the anartheid era.

On stepping down as Chilean President in 1990, General Pinochet became a senator for life and appeared to have been given immunity to prosecution within Chile. His right-wing supporters say that his immunity was an important factor in bringing about the peaceful restoration of democracy after his

Ms Montgomery told the Law-Lords that, in any case, judicial au-

allegations of crimes during General Pinocher's 1973-1990 rule. There were 11 proceedings relating to him in the Chilean courts.

"It will be for the court there to decide whether he is to be accorded immunity under the basis of being senator for life," she argued.
The Conservative leader, Wil-

liam Hague, raised similar points to Ms Montgomery over political stability after a meeting with a dele gation of four Chilean MPs yesterday. Mr Hague, although emphasisng that he was not condoning

human rights abuses, said: "Chile has made a peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy... This transition should be supported, not undermined."

This argument drew a derisory reaction yesterday from Juan Pablo Letelier, son of Orlando Letelier, a former Chilean defence minister who was assassinated in a car bomb attack in Washington after criticising General Pinochet's regime. Señor Letelier junior said that there was "no arrangement, Chile based on General Pinochet enjoying impunity.

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'Gay mafia' is pure political fantasy

Peter Riddell unpicks conspiracy theories in an analysis of power groups within the Blair Cabinet

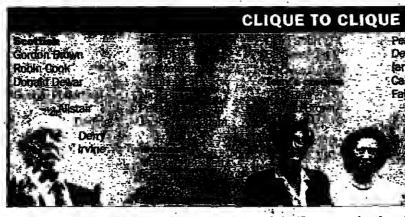
THE paranoid have always detected conspiracies among the rich and the powerful. One fringe American presidential candidate claimed that the Queen and MI6 were at the centre of a conspiracy involving the Kremlin (in pre-Gorbachev days), the Israeli intelligence service Mossad and the big Wall Street banks.

By contrast, alleged conspiracies here look rather tame. The Sun's front-page question yesterday, "Are we being run by a gay mafia?", was not only grotesquely offensive but it is also ludicrous in its own

The idea that the homosexual members of the Cabinet act

together in secret to advance their interests is nonsense — just as it would be to suggest that the Cabiner's half-dozen bond to weaken the family.

Relations between Peter Mandelson and Nick Brown have been disctinctly unfriendly since the bitter Labour leadership contest of summer 1994. Neither has been heard to say anything kind about the other. In many ways, the current hunt for Cabinet gays is remi-niscent of the anti-Semitic mur-muring about ministers of Jewish attraction in the Thatcher Cabinet of the mid-1980s. But conspiracy theorists have plenty of other material



- a Scottish mafia, another from the North East, or among women Cabinet members. Regional links obviously mean ministers know each other better, but that does not necessarily mean No one would describe Gor-

don Brown as part of a mafia. with Robin Cook, nor do the six-strong northern contingent work together, except to de-fend their constituency inter-

There is no great feminist mafia either. The five women Cabinet members are not close

to each other. The only two 'mafias' that really matter in the present Cabinet are those around Tony Blair and Gordon Brown: people with whom they are in close touch rather than just meeting formally. Mr Blair frequently talks to

Gordon Brown and Peter

Peter Mandelson

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both together); as well as to Derry irvine, who still at times treats him as a promising pu-pil barrister, and, outside the Cabinet, to Charlie Falconer, another old friend from the

They are part of a group

Brown's cronies

Gordon Brown

Donald Dewart

Margaret Beckett

Cabinet Geoffrey

Nick Brown

Clare Short (and outside the

Robinson)

Street staff such as Jonathan Powell and Alastair Campbell.

The Gordon Brown "mafia" includes Nick Brown, Donald Dewar (now somewhat detached). Margaret Beckett and Clare Short, as well as, outside the Cabinet, Geoffrey Robin-son and several other junior

As significant as these are Ed Balls and Charlie Whelan on his personal staff.

Alleged mafias are not new. century ago, Lord Salisbury's Government was so full of members of the Cecil fami-ly, including his nephew and successor Arthur Balfour, that his opponents coined the phrases, the Hotel Cecil and

"Bob's your uncle". In the 1980s, Baroness Thatcher talked of "one of us". but, apart from a few stalwarts such as the late Nicholas Ridley, many allies feli out

deed, the Thatcherites always saw the Blue Chip dining club as a conspiracy, centred on Tristan Garel-Jones, to assist the promotion of each other. But in the leadership election of November 1990, the allegiances of the Blue Chips were split between John Major and Douglas Hurd MINISTICE WILLIAM OF THE STREET OF THE STREE

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There was much talk a decade ago about the power of the Cambridge "mafia", a group of Tory undergraduates of the late 1950s and early 1960s, five of whom served together in the Cabinet. But. while still friends, they were fierce rivals and sharply divided over Eu-

in reality, most alleged "ma-fias" or conspiracies dissolve on closer inspection. Policies is usually both more individual and more acciden-

tal than the paranoid fanta-

sists suppose.

Goodlad is tipped for **Brussels**

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

SIR ALASTAIR GOODLAD, the former Tory Chief Whip, emerged yesterday as the frontrunner to become the next British commissioner in Brussels.

Downing Street firmly de-nied weekend reports that Tony Blair had sounded out Chris Patten, the former Hong Kong Governor, about the job.

It was confirmed by Conservative sources that William Hague, the Tory leader, had formally nominated Sir Alastair for the post which will become vacant when Sir Leon Brittan, the former Home Secretary, stands down. The unwritten understanding is that the job will go to a Conservative. Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, is the other British commissioner.

Downing Street said yesterday that the Conservatives had made their nomination and the Prime Minister took that seriously. Weekend reports suggested that he would appoint Mr Patten to undermine Mr Hague's stance on the single currency. Some minmore senior figure, should be appointed in any case.



Lord Irvine of Lairg wearing his full ceremonial dress

Once more into the breeches for Irvine as peers stop dress change

THE Lord Chancellor's attempt to dis-card his ceremonial finery of breeches, tights and buckled shoes could be blocked for good next week after fierce

Such is the level of disapproval in the Lords that peers' leaders have been forced to take the rare step of putting the matter to a vote on the floor of the House on Monday. Tories are confident of victo-

Heated debate has already taken place in private committee sessions where such matters are normally resolved. But the issue has become so sensitive that the Lords' Procedure Committee has concluded that it can only be decided by a formal vote of all peers.

Almost from the day he took office last year, Lord Irvine of Lairg has complained bitterly about having to wear a full-bottomed wig, gown, breeches, tights and buckled shoes while sitting in Parliament.

However, his demands have angered traditionalist peers who believe the move is the latest attempt by the Govern-. ment to remove Parliament's ancient ceremonies by stealth. They also believe it would diminish the standing of the of-fice of Lord Chancellor.

Lord Irrine is expected to face ques-tions about his dress today when he appears before the Commons Home Afof his department. The Lord Chancellor James Landale on

Lord Chancellor's

attempt to discard his 'ludicrous' attire

first asked the Procedure Committee last June for permission to modify what he called his "ludicrous" 17th-century uni-

He demanded that he shoold be able to wear more comfortable and practical attire of black trousers and black shoes. He also asked that he could spend more time behind the dispatch box — when he can take off his wig and gown - while leading debate on government Bills. At present, he can do this only during the committee stage of a Bill. Most of the time he sits and speaks from the Woolsack where he presides as ex-officio

Speaker of the House of Lords. Lord Irvine has even dragged Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, into the debate by pointing out that she decided not to wear a wig when she took up her posi-

Although Lord Irvine made clear he was prepared to wear his full ceremonial diess on formal parliamentary occament, Tory and Liberal Democrat peers on the Procedure Committee fiercely opposed any changes. But instead of rejecting the move outright, they decided to leave the final decision up to a formal vote on the floor of the House.

Earl Ferrers, the former Tory minister, has tabled two amendments to the committee's report. He wants peers to stop any changes and to insist that the Lord Chancellor continues to speak most of the time from beside the Woolsack. While most peers are relatively re-laxed about Lord Irvine spending more time behind the dispatch box without his wig, they are more concerned about the

"The position of Lord Chancellor is one of the highest in the land." Lord Ferrers said. "It commands great dignity and the panoply and the ceremonial of the Lord Chancellor should not be dimin-

"It would be a pity if ooe member who had the privilege of holding the position at a particular time decided to dress down for personal coovenience, which would then be likely to be continued by future Chancellors."

He added: "One might as well suggest that the soldiers taking part in the Trooping of the Colour should do away with their bearskins because they are not currently fashionable. This is another example of the present Government chipping away at traditions and standards which · are the envy of other countries."

£20m limit in place by election

By MARK INGLEFIELD POLITICAL REPORTER

A PROPOSAL to limit to £20 million the amount that political parties can spend on general election campaigns could be in place when the na-

tion next goes to the polls.

Jack Straw told the Commons yesterday that the cap recommended by the Neili Committee on Standards in Public Life was in the "the right bracket". The Home Secretary added that it would not be possible to introduce a draft

Bill until next summer. Mr Straw also accepted that there was wide acceptance of a limit of £1.5 million for next year's Scottish parliament elections and 6600,000 for the Welsh assembly elections, But he voiced reservations about the call for the Government of the day to remain neutral in referendum campaigns.-

Mr Straw was opening a de-bate on the Neill report, which recommended an end to foreign donations. Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Home Secretary, said that the Tories' major donors would be listed in its annual accounts, to be published in the "next few weeks".

Adams denies disarmament move

GERRY ADAMS yesterday dismissed as nonsense claims that the IRA was planning a pre-Christmas army convention to discuss disarmament. The Sinn Fein president said whoever inspired the reports on Sunday had done so to "con-

fuse and make our task rather more difficult". Mr Adams was speaking before a Downing Street meeting at which he sought Tony Blair's personal intervention to break the deadlock over decommissioning. David Trimble, Northern Ireland's First Minister, will not admit Sinn Fein to government until IRA disarmament begins, but Sinn Fein insists the Good Friday accord sets no such pre-conditions. The 200th terrorist prisoner will be released from the Maze this

morning, but Mr Adams.com plained that neither a power sharing executive nor the proj posed new cross-border ministerial council had been set up: The peace process was being "bogged down quite deliberately" by Unionists, he said.

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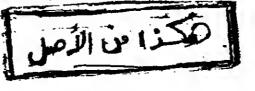
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There was much talk a decage ago about the power of the Cambridge mafia, a group of Tory undergraduates of the late 1950s and early 1960s, five of whom served together in the Cabiner But while still friends, they were fierce rivals and sharply divided over Eu-

in reality, most alleged "ma. fias" or conspiracies dissolve on closer inspection. Politics is usually both more individual and more accidental than the paranoid fantasists suppose.

£20m limit in place by election

BY MARK INGLEFIELD POLITICAL REPORTER

PROPOSAL to limit it £20 million the amount that political parties can spend on general election campaigns could be in place when the nanon next goes to the polls.

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Injustice that hinders healing of Ulster pain

with four young children when the IRA abducted and killed her husband, Joe, in February 1989. He ran an estate agency and the family lived comfortably. They had just bought a new home in West Belfast which they had stripped to the brick for refurbishing.

Northern Ireland's Criminal Injuries Compensation scheme was set up to help people like Mrs Fenion. She applied for compensation but was given "nothing, not a halfpenny, not a farthing" because the scheme excludes anyone who had ever belonged to an

"unlawful association". Twelve years earlier. Mr Fenton had received a twoyear suspended sentence for membership. He had joined under peer pressure, had spurned the IRA ever since and had been killed by the organisation because it alleged that he was

informing. But the rules were rigid. € My Mrs Fenton had to work, first as a school meal server children and later as an auxiliary nurse. "The didn't kids not only lost a father but never saw their mother eideserve ther," she said. Her own mother having to had to sell her

house to help. "Me and my children struggle? were innocent. They didn't deserve losing their father. They didn't deserve having to struggle for everything they wanted."

Thousands have been bereaved or maimed during 30 years of conflict. Mrs Fenton was one of several The Times interviewed at the Wave victims' support centre in North Belfast. All told harrowing stories of how the compensation scheme had failed them. Compounding their suffer-

ing was the perception that public funds were being lavished on the terrorist prisoners that caused their pain. "It's like a sore," said Sandra Peake, Wave's co-ordinator. The way compensation has been given keeps the wounds

Martin Fletcher on how Northern Ireland's criminal compensation scheme is failing the bereaved

they didn't know," she said.

court. The scheme favours those educated enough to un-

who can afford good solicitors. Sir Kenneth's first report said

victims found the procedures

"complex, baffling, frustrating

and on occasion humiliating".
Margaret McKinney's son

Brian, 22, was one of the so-

called "disappeared", spirited away by the IRA in 1978. The

trauma destroyed her health

and that of her husband. Both

had to give up work. Mrs McKinney, from West Belfast,

never applied for compensa-

former head of Northern Ireland's Civil Service, is belatedly now examining the compensation scheme for the Government, but cannot re-open individual cases. In a general report on the victims last March, he said that he had "encountered grief and suffering on an enormous scale" and a "corroding sense of grievance".

The scheme has paid out about £186 million to victims of terrorist violence since 1968, but causes deep bitterness because it compensates for "pecuniary loss". A chief executive's widow might thus have received a six-figure sum — Ingeborg Niedermayer, whose German industrialist husband vanished from his Belfast

home in 1979, was awarded £100,000. The widow of an unemployed man may have got little more than funeral "Apart from it being wrong it hurts," said Betty

Devlin, a widow who received nothing after her son, Sean, 31, was killed by the IRA in Belfast's inappropriately-named Friendly Street in 1996. He was unemployed.

The scheme also compensates for serious psychological injury, but only if the bereaved witnessed the killing. Michelle Williamson, 30, a civil servant. lost both parents in the 1993 Shankill Road fish shop bomb, and was so traumatised she never worked again. She got nothing because she did not see her parents die. Christine McKay did wit-

ness two gunmen killing her husband Noel, a BT engineer, in their South Belfast driveway when she was heavily pregnant in 1978. She received compensation but was never told she could claim for mental trauma. She began drinkpen."

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Suffering: Mary McClory and Margaret McKinney

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how io, and no proof that her son was dead. Today she cannot afford even a memorial. "Many's the time I thought if I had that. I could at least keep it nice and plant wee flowers,"

scurity in Armagh for the next she said. nine years. "There are many A Compensation Agency offi-cial said that it widely adverpeople like me who didn't receive compensation because tised its services, offered legal aid, and had no wish to Each settlement is individushortchange victims. We're trying to settle claims on a fair ally negotiated. That can require highly intrusive quesand reasonable basis." tioning at times of intense

Nor, contrary to recent regrief. The disfigured have had ports, are terrorists prisoners to display their wounds in receiving handsome grants on their release. However, it has cost £73,000 a year to keep derstand the procedures and each of them in prison, and prisoners' support groups have unquestionably been far better than the voiceless victims at securing public money. Marie Smyth, director of the

independent Cost of the Trou-bles study, said: "When you take into account the amount of money spent on maintaining prisoners and their subsequent rehabilitation there's no doubt it's substantially in excess of the amount of money being spent on victims."



Maria McShane lost an eye in a 1976 bombing. In 1994 her son was shot dead

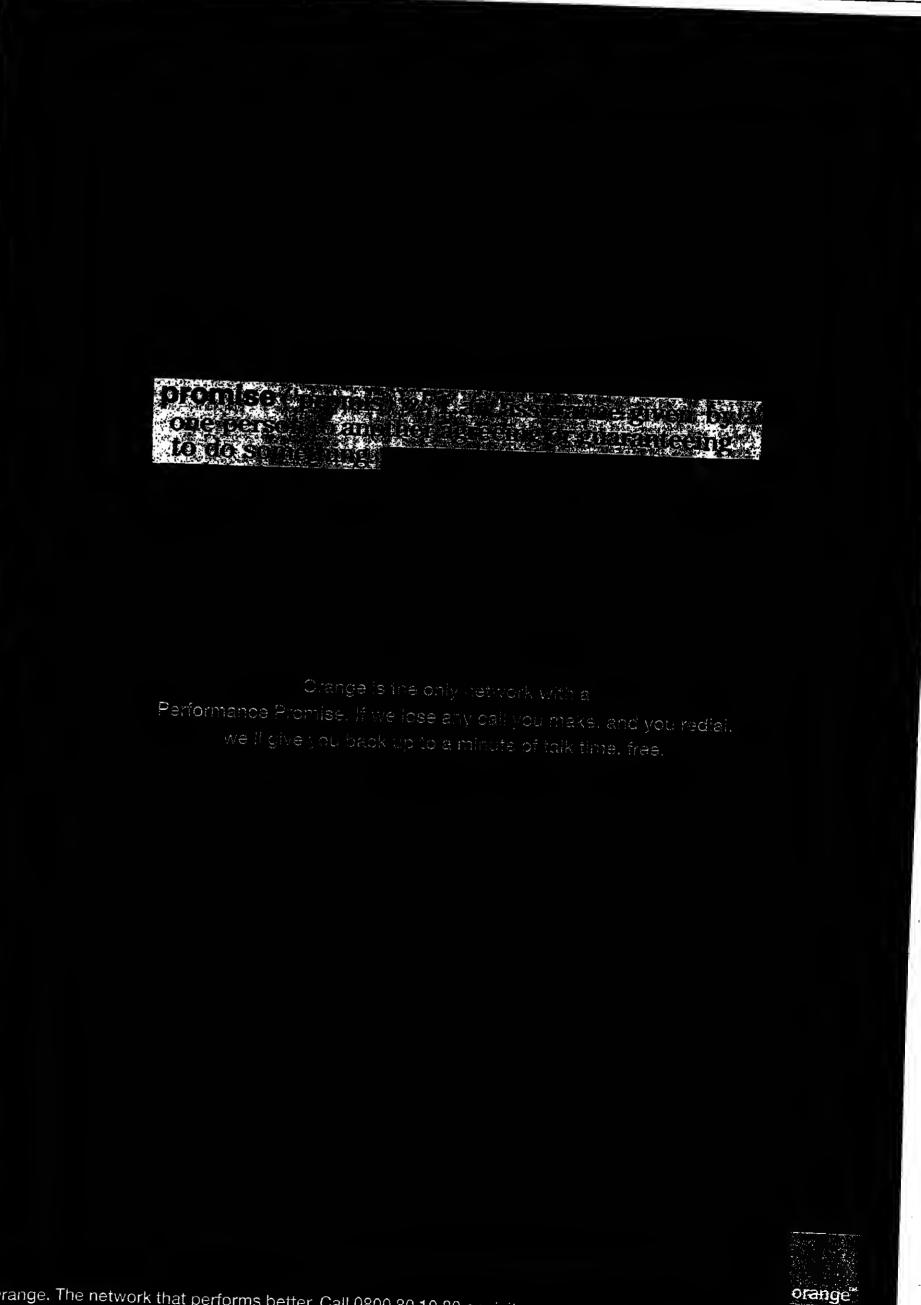
Family's torment can never be erased

EVEN some who did receive money from Northern Ireland's Criminal Injuries Compensation scheme say that it was hopelessly inadequate.

In 1976, Maria McShane, of Keady. Co Armagh, was aged 18 and preparing to get married when she was caught in a loyalist pub bomb. She lost an eye, had shrapnel removed from her brain, and was seriously disfigured. In 1994, loyalist gunmen killed her 17-yearold son Gavin as he played a video game in a taxi office. She received £40,000 for her injuries and £15,000 for her son's death. That did not begin to compensate for what the family endured, she said.

Mrs McShane has never worked since, and still suffers from depression and acute headaches. Her husband had to retire at 40 after suffering heart attacks. The education of their other two children suffered badly. The family strug-gles to make ends meet.

There were a lot of times over the years I considered suicide," Mrs McShane said. "Nobody knows what you've gone



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Pressure for airstrikes on Iraq mounts

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein of Iraq was given a warn-ing yesterday that unless he begins co-operating with United Nations weapons inspec-tors in a matter of weeks, his military infrastructure would suffer "immense damage" from airstrikes.

The message came from George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, after he arrived in Kuwait as part of a joint American/British campaign to gather support for military action among Iraq's neighbours.

Mr Robertson, who visited the Ali al-Salem airbase where the RAF has 12 Tornado GRI bombers and 400 personnel ready for a renewed bombing campaign, said a coalition of countries across Europe and the Commonwealth was now lining up against Iraq.

After talks with the Kuwaiti

British defence chief threatens

to attack in weeks, writes

Michael Evans

Government, Mr Robertson said: "If Saddam thinks he can drag this out he makes a serious miscalculation. Patience is draining away and the option of force is still there."

He condemned Saddam's decision a week ago to stop co-operating with UN inspectors who are hunting for hidden chemical and biological weapons. "He has engineered the most serious confrontacion with the international community since the end of the Gulf added that although a diplomade solution was preferred. the RAF Tornados were "concrete proof that force was a real option". The 12 Tornados form part of a 180-strong joint Briosh/American strike force in the area.

Mr Robertson said that if

Saddam refused to dismantle his chemical weapons plants, the bombers would be sent into action. Either he destroys that capability or it may be that people will have to do that for him." he said.

In Washington, it appeared that a new strategy for dealing with Saddam was beginning to emerge. According to The New York Times, President Clinton was considering abandoning the UN arms inspeccons in favour of containment including sanctions and the use of force. Officials said the



George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, with a RAF Tornado detachment at Ali al-Salem airbase in Kuwait

President was studying two options: a quick strike with US forces already in the Gulf or a sustained air campaign that would require a longer build-

up of American forces. A short-notice strike would involve launching Tomahawk cruise missiles and combat aircraft from the aircraft carrier

in the region, USS Dwight D Eisenhower. Currently there are 13 US warships in the Gulf — seven capable of launching cruise missiles - and 174 combat aircraft. Pentagon officials said America's Gulf forces

craft carrier battle groups were stanoned there during a similar confrontation.
US officials believe that by

deciding to halt the inspecdons, Iraq has isolated itself internationally, alienating even could be built up in days to the levels of last year, when more countries such as France and Russia which have opposed than 400 aircraft and two airmilitary action in the past.

☐ Baghdad: Iraq gave a warning yesterday that it could halt its postwar disarmament. The ruling Baath Party's newspaper said that "by denying Iraq the right to secure a lifting of the embargo," the Security Council could drive it "to review all the resolutions which it accepted in the past." (AFP)

Cypriot chippy flushes out 'Mossad spies'

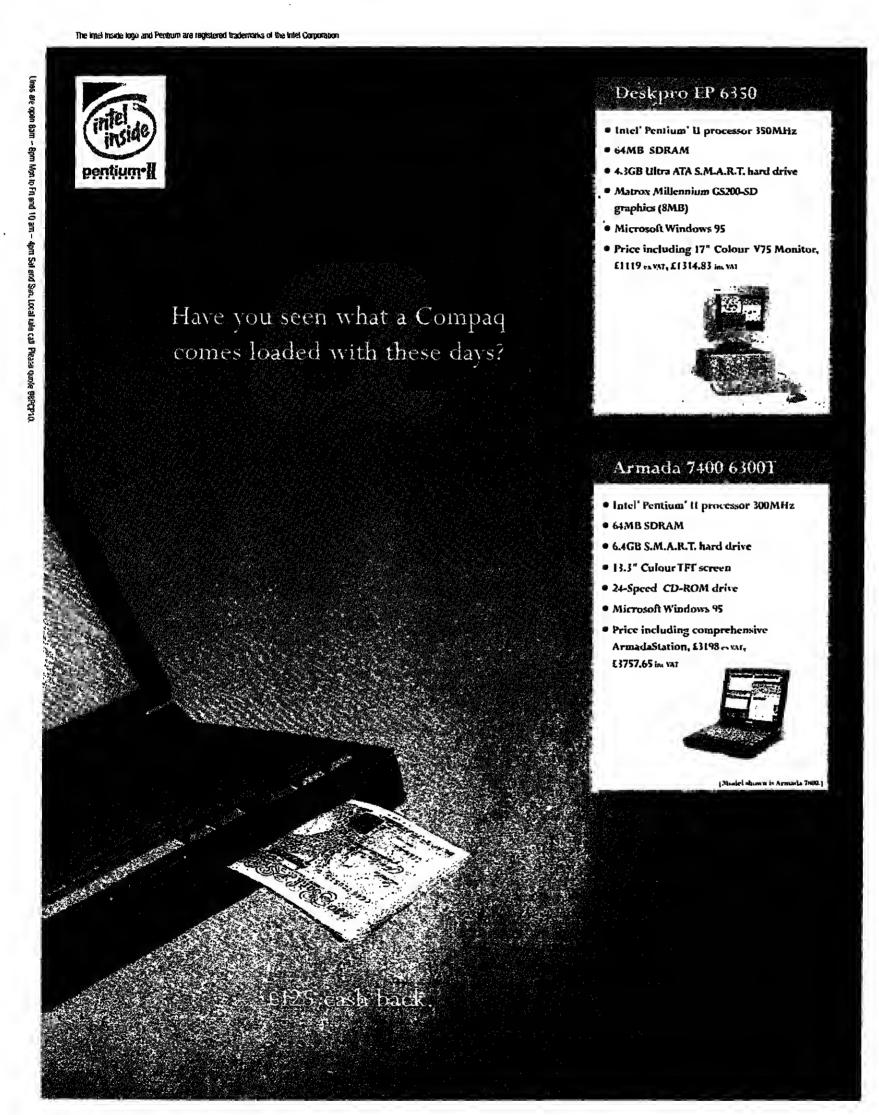
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FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU

A FARCICAL element surrounding the arrest of two Israelis on suspicion of spy-ing at a military base in Cyprus bas prompted speculation that the incident may be the latest blunder by Mossad. Israel's intelligence agency.

The Israeli press seized on comments by a restaurateur in the fishing village of Zygi
who suspected the men were
spies because they had bidden away and did not visit his establishment, renowned for its fresh fish. But the case is being viewed seriously by both Governments, which were struggling yesterday to prevent it developing into a full-blown diplomatic row.

Cyprus said that there was no evidence, so far, that the men - Udi Hargov, 37, and Igai Damary. 49 - were working for Israel, but it did voice suspicions that they were freelancing for Turkey.



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Hardliner urges settlers to seize West Bank land

By Christopher Walker IN JERUSALEM

A PROMINENT Israeli politician yesterday called on Jew-ish settlers to "grab" more land as military officials revealed that at least five new hilltop outposts have been built in the occupied West Bank since the Wye peace deal was signed in the United

States two weeks ago.
With implementation of the accord frozen as a result of Israeli demands that the Palestinians do more to combat 1slamic militants, the call for illegal settlement expansion is in defiance of a request from the US State Department for all such activity to be halted.

Benny Elon, a Knesset depu-ty for the hawkish Molodet Party, called on "all Jewish set-tlements" to "tear down the fences around them and put up mobile homes in order to establish as many facts on the ground as possible and confound this confused Govern-

Mr Elon added: "What will not be ours, will be theirs. It is simple, we have to grab the land. The most important areas are the mountainous Samarian region, south of Hebron, and the areas near Efrat (all in the West Bank)."

Amos Harel, military corre-

Netanyahu: challenged by hawks in Knesset spondent of the Tel Aviv daily Haaretz, claimed that "political pressure at Cabinet level" had so far prevented the army taking action against the new outposts, all erected since Bin-

in exchange for new security guarantees. have seen several of the 144 settfements expand to neighbouring hilltops, the two weeks since the White House signing surge in activity aimed at establishing new "facts on the ground" before negotiations

on the final status begin.



yamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, signed the deal to transfer 13 per cent more of the West Bank to the Palestinians



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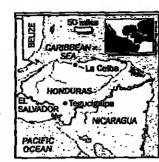
Hurricane-hit banana firm sacks workers

FROM DAVID ADAMS NORTH HONDURAS

AS A huge Western relief operation began to airlift desperately needed aid to Central America, the devastated economies of the region have suffered a new blow, with thousands of banana workers facing the

While George Bush, the former American President. arrived in Honduras with the first of thousands of tons of American assistance, multinational fruit companies, which have exploited the fertile valleys of northern Honduras for almost a century, announced that they are firing their entire workforce, numbering 16.000.

Employees of one of the companies. Standard Fruit, a subsidiary of the California-based Dole group, yesterday began



talks here with the banana unions to negotiate the terms of a temporary severance package as a result of the destruction of the crop by Hurricane Mitch.

The company says almost 80 per cent of its plantations about 13,000 acres - were ruined by flooding that has halt-ed its exports. Damage is so severe that company officials say many farms will have to be renot be ready until the end of

next year. left. It's like Gone With The Wind," said Dr Francisco Romero-Baca, Standard's spokesman, describing one of the worst-affected plantations. "We have no answer yet for how much we will be able to ex-port in 1999." The company said it was

seeking "temporary suspen-sion" of all its employees for 12 months, but would be offering a hurricane bonus to its workers, as well as interest-free loans and a programme of food aid and medical attention. Under Honduran labour law, any deal arranged with the unions must be approved by the Honduran Government. The company said it is: also considering setting up a refugee camp for workers who



George Bush, escorted by the wife of the Honduran President, heads for a meeting at the presidential palace

asking the United Nations to manage it. But the unions say the deal

about \$120 (£71) a month. is unacceptable, and accuse the company of seeking to turn cial loss from crop damage, en-

at the cost of poorly paid work-ers who earn a basic salary of While recognising the finan-

the banana companies may not have come off as badly as they suggest. "The floods are good for business. They bring hidden benefits," said Manuel Torres, a Honduran political

and economic analyst. He said studies show that the sediment washed down the mountainsides into the valley by the flooding carries valuable or-

Bin Laden: still viewed

US siege mentality sets in

new wave of Arab terrorist attacks haunted America at the weekend, both in its multiplexes and in an all-too-real warning from the CIA (Giles Whittell writes).

Opening on more than 2,000 screens across the country, a new film, The Siege. starring Denzel Washington and Bruce Willis, depicts a

condemned the film's portrayal of Islam, Wall Street was digesting a CIA warning that Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind of the recent US Embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania, "will strike again".

Paradise island protests at DNA testing FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

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PEOPLE of Mustique, the Caribbean paradise island frequented by millionaires, supermodels, rock stars and royalty, are being finger-printed in an effort to solve a murder mystery that has tainted the image of one of the world's most glamorous

holiday spots.

The body of Suzy Most-berger, a wealthy French socialite, aged 56, was found in her holiday home on the island last February. After nine months of investigations French police have finally established not only the suspect's fingerprints but also the DNA "prints" of two people, a man and a woman, they believe were involved in the murder.

About 180 fingerprint tests have been carried out on the island without finding a match, and Dominique Bohnert, the investigating magistrate, is believed to be considering the DNA testing of every person who was on the island on the night of the murder.

The fingerprinting has caused annoyance among the wealthy residents of the island. Sir James Mitchell, the Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines, has said he will oppose generalised DNA testing, according to French news re-

Mostberger was stabbed to death with a kitchen knife, and struggled violently with her murderer or murderers before her throat was cut, investigators believe. The murdered wornan's relatives have accused the authorities of dragging their feet to protect the image of the island as a haven of tranquillity.

Among the island's regular visitors are pop stars Mick Jagger and David Bowie, while Princess Margaret left her holiday home on Mustique, after suffering a stroke, just a few days before the murder earlier this

Le Figaro reported yester-day that the French police are particularly keen to get the guest list for a birthday party held for Tatiana Copland, a wealthy American neighbour of Madame Mostberger, on the evening before the murder. The French investigators have pointed out that a photofit of the suspected killer has still not be made public, and they have accused the local authorities of slowing down the murder hunt.



as a threat by America

Los Angeles: The spectre of a

New York paralysed by a string of bombings and by martial law. Even as Arab Americans



"Constantly dealing with mutilated bodies in N. Ireland is enough to give anybody nightmares and depression".

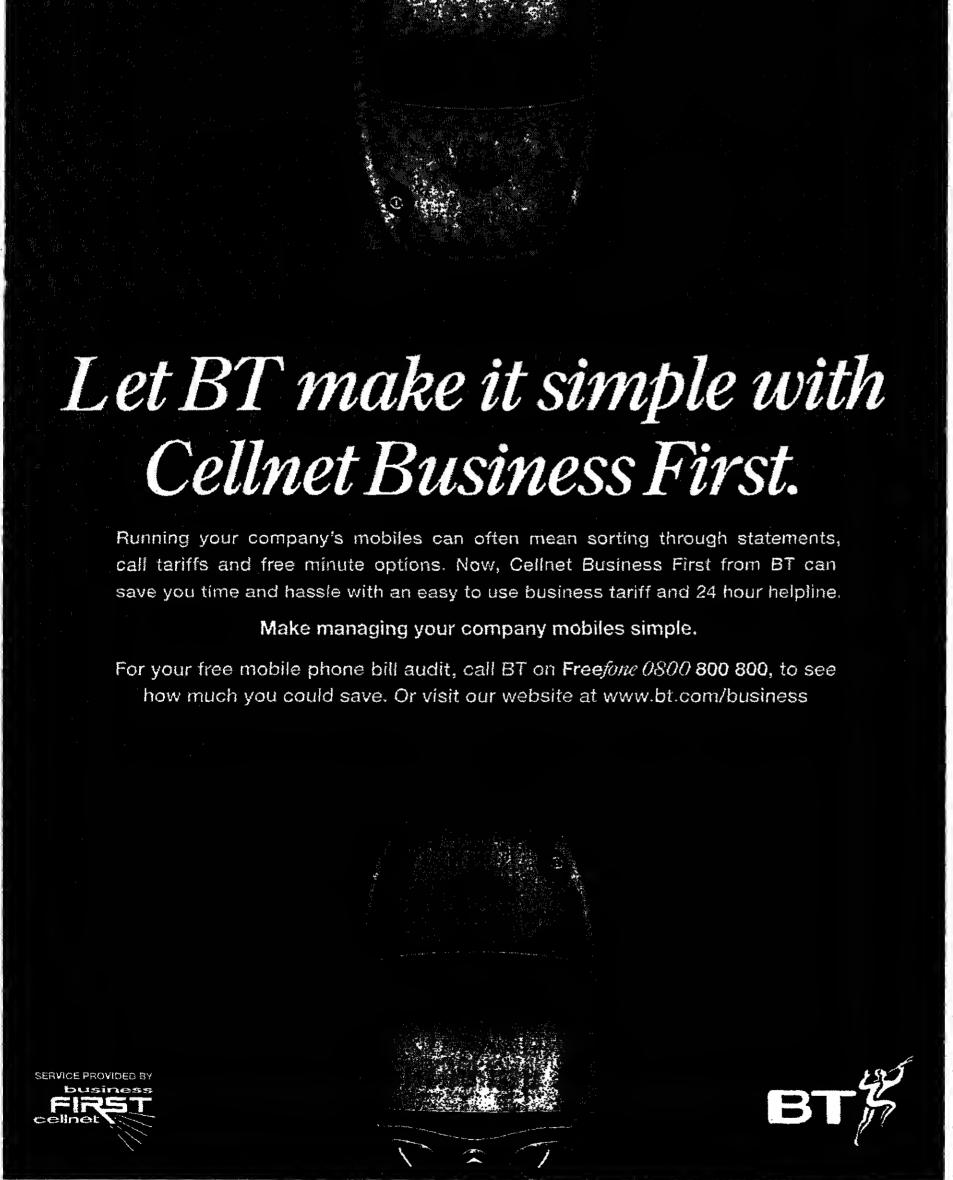
As a war correspondent I've seen, first hand, the most appalling Injuries and mental pressures our Armed Forces endure, leaving thousands of them crippled for life both physically and mentally Ray, as a young NCO in N. Ireland is just one of them. The task of dealing with horrifically mutilated bodies

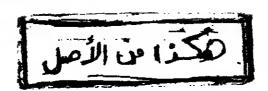
finally took its toll leaving him trapped in a world of nightmares and severe depre-Combat Stress helps care for victims like Ray with support in the community together with treatment and respite care in one of its three nursing homes.

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Wild man of Louisiana set

to be Speaker BOB LIVINGSTON, an accomplished but hot-tempered political manager, looked certain 10 succeed News Ginerich as Speaker of the House ufter his chief challenger drupped out of the race yeslerday.

Once described by his mother as "a lunatic" after she had seen him railing passionately on television, Mr Livingstun will seek to reunite the Republican Party after the bloodletting that followed its dismal showing in last week's elec-tions which led to Mr Cingrich's resignation.

Christopher Cox, the Califurnian representative who had made a bid for the job. pulled out after a weekend of telephone calls to colleagues revealed that he would not secure the backing of a majurity.

The truth is that the vote is in and Bob Livingsion is going to be our next Speaker and I am withdrawing for that rea-son," he said. "We got to the point where we were having to start fighting for commitments. It's very, very impor-tant for us not to push an election for Speaker to the bitter end when we have a six-vote majority in the House of Repre-Mr Livingston, a Louisiana

representative for 21 years. built his political power base as chairman of the Appropria-tions Comminee which ap-proves all public spending. He owed his position to Mr Gingrich who plucked him from relative obscurity four years ago to give him the chairmanship. But he was not afraid to move swiftly last week to chalGingrich protégé

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to step into his

shoes, writes Damian Whitworth

lenge the Speaker for his job after the Republicans lost five seats in the House. Mr Gingrich resigned shortly after-

wards. "He is a revolutionary. I am a manager," said Mr Living-ston, "They are two different types of leadership, and I hope that mine will be what we need to project the Republican Parry into the future."

Mr Livingston is a fiscal conservative who signalled his intentions to stash hudgets when he arrived at his first meeting of the Appropriations Commit-



Livingston: renowned

ice and placed an alligator skinning knife, a "Cajun scalpel", on the table in front of him. But he is also reknowned for displays of uncontrolled passion

Clips of him gesticulating wildly on the House floor dur-ing the 1995 budget banle, shouring "we will stay here until Dnomsday", have been aired endlessly on television.

He attempted to allay suspicions that he lacks the temperament fur the jub hy making light of the incident, saying that even his mother rang him to say, "Hey, you looked like a lunatic. Don't do that again," He said: "And I didn't do that again. When I am Speaker I will never do that again."

Time magazine also reported that before he challenged Mr Gingrich publicly last week he had sent him a to-point list of demands that would have effectively stripped the Speaker of his powers. A few hours later he called back to tell Mr Gingrich tn ignore it.

Mr Livingsion is a navy veteran with a black belt in tackwondo. His supporters say he is a pragmanst who proved himself adept at cutting deals on spending, and they insist he will be able to keep the party's far Right happy.
"He's going to be like Reagan was," said Peter King, a

New York representative." Reagan agreed with social conservatives on their issues, but he knew it was when and how you push them."

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Steven Hoefflin, the original "Doc Hollywood", who is facing accusations of improper conduct with his patients, in Los Angeles with his wife, Pamela

Face-lift expert in battle to save his skin

PROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE plastic surgeon famous for transforming Michael Jackson and Ivana Trump aimost beyond recognition is locked in a \$46 million (£28.7 million) legal battle to save his own professional skin.

Dr Steven Hoefflin, Tinseltown's undisputed face-lift pharaoh, is being sued for millions by four former employees who two years ago ac-cused him of fondling celebrities' genitals as they lay anaesthetised on his operating table.

This list of charges against the original "Doc Hollywood" has now lengthened. It includes allegations that he tipped off tabloid reporters when his star patients were due to go under the knife, left surgical work to underlings while he went out to lunch, and parked recovering patients — including some whose cyclids had been sewn shul for facial work — in a hos-pital corridor instead of in \$450-a-night rooms for which they had paid.

Dr Hoefflin has been a magnet for scandal ever since the same four female employees accused him of sexual harassment in 1995. He settled that suit out of court with five-figure sums for each woman "to avoid any embarrassment' to his clients, his lawyer claimed.

The accusation that he groped his anaesthetised patients has proved harder to shake. An steely-eyed icon to California's nip 'n tuck devotees, he has denied all charges against him as part of an "outrageous" smear campaign, but has failed to carry out a threat to sue The Washington Post over an article entitled

"Face Off" in which they first appeared. Instead, Dr Hoefflin has resorted to a media counter-offensive helped by celebrity friends and clients like Phyllis Diller, the comedi-

"His work is wonderful," she told People magazine and she should know. Over the years he has performed a breast reduction, a tummy ruck, two rhinoplasties, two cheek implants, an eye-browlift an eyelift two facelifts and a chemical peel for

The tactic of speaking out has now backfired. The latest

The accusation that he groped his anaesthetised patients is harder to shake?

complaint by his former employees, filed last week in Los Angeles Superior Court, accuses him of defaming them in a more recent magazine article in which he called them "sick individuals bent on destroying me".

lo the same article his media strategist, Sieve Jaffe, called the four "a bunch of losers" who had managed to manipulate The Washington Mr Jaffe should not count

on a cordial relationship with Dr Hoefflin, who sued his last media consultant for overcharging him.

Setback for Clinton as adviser is told he may face grand jury

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE Supreme Court yesterday dealt a fresh blow to Presi-Bruce Lindsey, his close confidant, cannot claim attorney client privilege to avoid testify-

ing before a grand jury. In a victory for Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor. Mr Lindsey may now be hauled back to give evidence about matters relating to the investigation into the President's affair with Monica Lewinsky. Mr Lindsey has been before the grand jury before but he refused to answer a number of questions. Although Mr Starr has written his report on the affair

with Ms Lewinsky, it is believed that he might press Mr Lindsey further on what he knows of the President's meet-committee of the House Judiciings with Kathleen Willey, ary Committee began hearing who has accused him of grop-

ing her in the Oval Office. In a separate ruling, the Supreme Court denied an appeal by the Clinton Administration against a decision to allow Mr Starr to question Secret Service officers about Mr Clinton's relationship with Ms Lewinsky. Although lesumony by six officers was included in Mr Starr's report, the Administration refused to drop its appeal, saying the consequences

were dire for the future Seth Waxman, the Solicitor-General, had argued that confidentiality was essential to

prevent possible presidential assassinations.

The decisions came as a subfrom constitutional experts on interpretations of grounds for impeachment.

There is a growing feeling on both sides of the political divide that it might be possible now to deliver a lesser punishment, such as a censure, to Mr

But with the full hearings on impeachment starting next week, there is uncertainty about how this might be achieved.

It emerged yesterday that tapes of Ms Lewinsky's conversations with Linda Tripp are to be released.

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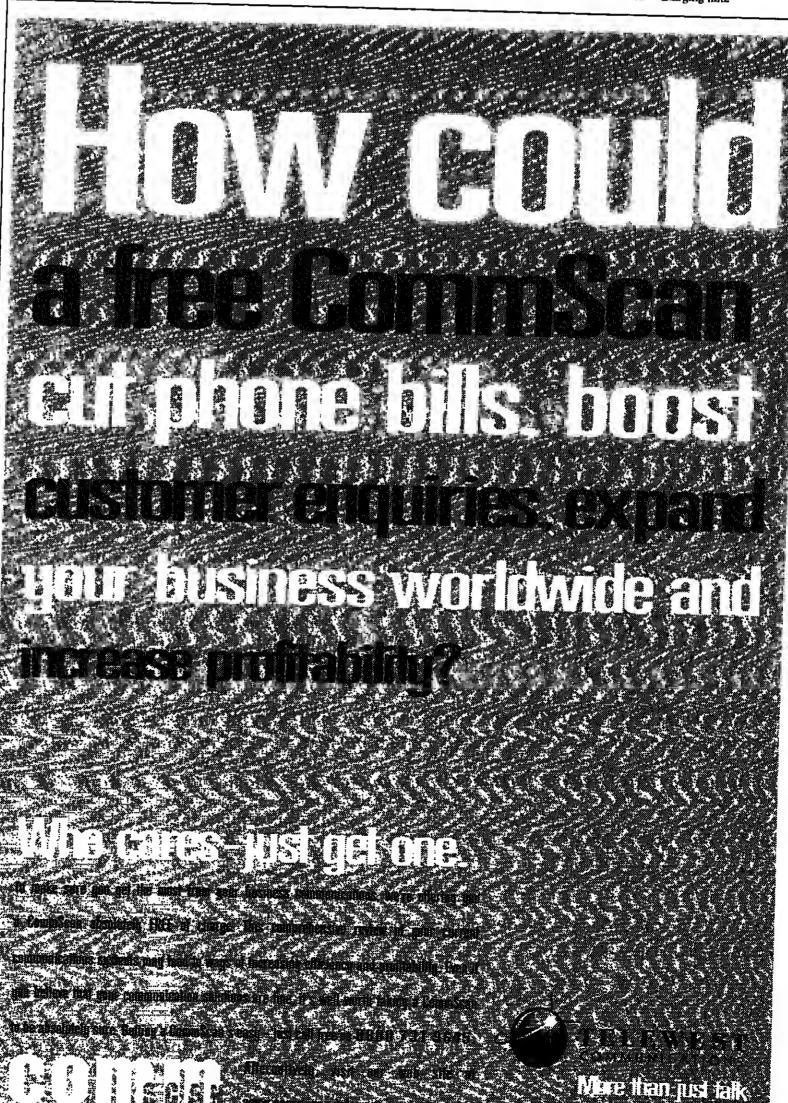
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Kosovo rebels deal blow to peace hopes

THE Kosovo Liberation Army killed two Serb hostages in the early hours of yesterday morning after an American initia tive to forge a ceasefire around the guerrillas' former head-quarters of Malisevo had been blown apart in a KLA rocket and grenade assault on the town's police station.

The hostages, both police reservists, were apparently forced to kneel at the side of the road two hundred yards from their besieged colleagues in the station, before being raked with at least 24 bullets fired from a machine pistol.

Their deaths represented a crushing reversal for the Americans' go-it-alone policy in Kosovo; only last Friday, Christo-pher Hill, Washington's negotiator in the peace process, had visited the villages around Malisevo and pleaded with the guerrillas to stop their often unprovoked attacks on

Serb security units in the area. But the hostages, who were attempting to deliver food to the police station, were cap-tured just hours after he had left, and the KLA has subsequently shown that it is determined to push the Serbs out of Malisevo altogether.

The station was last occupied by the Serbs over a decade ago, but under the recent

Killing of Serb policemen puts fragile truce in jeopardy, writes Tom Walker

secretive agreement between **NATO Supreme Commander** Wesley Clarke and President Milosevic, it was decided that Belgrade should be allowed to keep its units in the town as a means of countering the KLA's stranglehold over much

of the surrounding territory. The incident provided the Serbs with a graphic opportu-nity to reveal the brutality of the KLA's methods, and the media centre in Pristina took a convoy of journalists to Mali-

sevo to survey the grisly scene.

Beneath a heavy winter sky
and denuded trees thick with
crows the two policemen, llije Vujosevic, 48, and Dejan Djatlov, 23, lay face-down just east of the town's main crossroads.

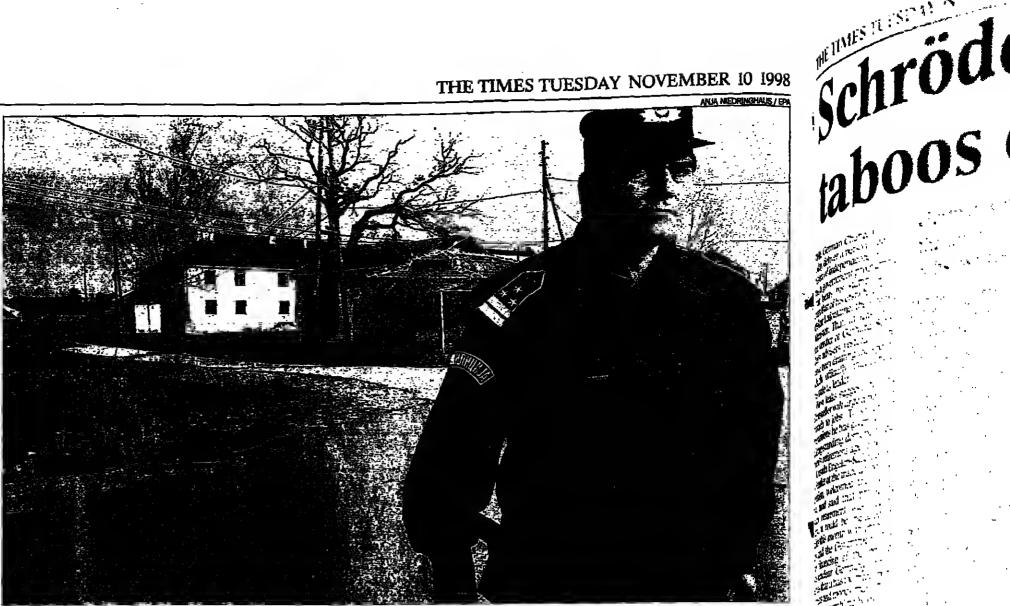
An investigating judge accompanied a rubber-gloved police pathologist, who rolled the bodies over, revealing the full extent of their injuries to the assembled carneras. The patholo-

gist, in a green camouflage body suit, fished out the dead men's identity cards for the benefit of state television. "You can see they were tortured be-fore being killed," commented a shaken Colonel Bozidar Filic, police spokesman for Ko-

A bizarre sideshow then developed, in which a Day-Glo orange American humvee pulled up from the opposite direction, only for its driver, a Contact Group observer, to be harangued by police officials who accused him of removing a key witness from the scene. "He won't come back now whatever I tell him to do," protested the American. 'We were doing all we could."

Realising that he was within earshot of journalists, he changed tack and insisted he was in Malisevo because of engine problems with his vehicle, and then beat a hasty retreat to the accompaniment of much police cursing. There are already ominous signs that the relationship between international monitors in Kosovo and the Serb security forces is going to be strained at

Another American vehicle, a Chevrolet Suburban in a similar shade of orange and con-taining David Scheffer, the



A Serb policeman guarding the spot yesterday where his two colleagues were shot dead, apparently by members of the Kosovo Liberation Army

State Department war crimes envoy, then passed on the other side of the crossroads, without stopping. How much long-er the Americans keep up their efforts to broker a deal in the area remains to be seen. "It was one hell of a firefight last night," admitted one Western diplomat, who said he had been inside the police station just an hour before the first rocket crashed through a third-floor window. Diplo-

mats in Belgrade are worried that Mr Milosevic may be prepared to use the continuing fighting around Malisevo as an excuse to send his special. units back into central Kosovo. Several truckloads of heavily armed police were heading west from Pristina as darkness fell yesterday. "We are just sitting here," said an officer outside the Malisevo

"It doesn't matter how many

of us there are. The point is they are attacking us."

Bonn: Gerhard Schröder.

the German Chancellor, yesterday pledged German participation in a Nato security force that will protect international observers monitoring a shaky peace in the Serbian province of Kosovo.

After an hour-long meeting in Berlin with Nato Secretary-General Javier Solana, Herr would be no doubt about Germany's willingness to meet its international obligations with

"It is clear that Germany will meet the obligations of its alliances without any ils, ands, or buts," Herr Schröder said at a news conference. He did not go into the details of how Germany would contribute to the force.

He also said that Germany

observers with the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). The 54-nation OSCE is

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scheduled to run a mission to secure a truce in the province, where Serbian security forces began a campaign in February to crush guerrillas from the separatist Kosovo Liberation Army. About 2,000 "verifiers" will be sent in to protect a fragile peace in the region, 200

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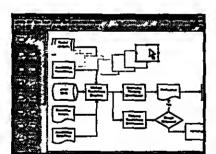
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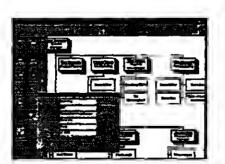
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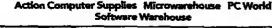




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Britons killed in Angola raid

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

TWO Britons have been killed and a third taken hostage in a hit-and-run attack by rebels on a Canadian-owned diamond mine in Angola, the company reported yesterday. The

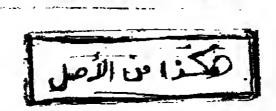
Sunday's attack was on the Yetwene mine in northeastern Angola. At least five people were killed. Guerrillas from the rebel Unita movement have stepped up raids on Western mining concessions after

the breakdown of an agreement with the Angolan Government to share the proceeds. Unita, which has fought a bush war for 20 years, has financed its operations from dia-

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Schröder to break taboos on labour

THE German Chancellor will today deliver a personal declaration of independence, outlining a government programme that bears his slamp rather than that of his erstwhile rival. Oskar Lafontaine, the Finance Minister. That, at least, was the verdict of Gerhard Schrö der's advisers yesterday who have been drafting the speech which officially inaugurates his rule as leader.

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First leaks suggest that the Chancellor will urge a new approach to jobs. To soften up the unions he has given way to a long-standing demand to cut

men's retirement age to 60.

Ursula Engelen-Kefer, deputy leader of the trade union federation, welcomed the initiative and said that providing such retirement was voluntary, it could be included in talks this month with employ-ers and the Government. Yet the financing of the project was unclear. Germany's problem is that it has too many pensioners and money may prove a serious stumbling block.

Early retirement has been tried with mixed results in the Ruhr steel industry. Older workers are shed, their retireGerman Chancellor is to soften up the unions before getting tough on jobs, writes Roger Boyes in Bonn

ment money funded partly by speech and indeed in Herr companies, partly by the Gov-Schröder's four-year tenure. It ernment, to make way for younger, cheaper and more will also be the Social Democrat-Green coalition's most vulflexible workers. nerable point. The Social Dem-

But the Chancellor's offer is essentially tactical. He intends to break several Social Democratic taboos on labour, working hours and holidays.

Bodu Hombach, the Minister without Portfolio who wrote a draft of today's speech, has been challenging the notion that part-time work should be burdened with extra social insurance payments. The unions are opposed to such a move. So they have been offered something more palatable, by way of distraction: retirement schemes which would allow many manufacturing industry workers to realise their dreams of liv-

ing on the Costa del Sol sup-

ported by a generous pension.

Employment will be the dominant theme in today's

Schröder: to dictate

ocrats and the Greens seemed

yesterday genuinely nervous

that an argument about environmental taxation could spark a political bushfire. The Government has

agreed to fund cuts in social security contributions - and thus stimulate jobs - with an increase in energy taxes. But Werner Müller, the Economics Minister, is pressing for wide exemptions for business from higher energy costs.

Jürgen Trittin, the Environment Minister and a Green politician, emphasised yesterday that there should be no general exemption from ecological taxes for the manufac-turing industry. Only energyefficient factories should be exempted. Herr Lafontaine called an emergency meeting with Herr Trittin to work out a common approach. Other Greens are urging that petrol taxes should be increased by ten plennigs rather than the six plennigs maximum advocated by the Chancellor.

His speech will promise tax cuts in part to benefit small business. And this is intended to head off criticism that the financial policies of Herr Lafontaine will exert a crushing burden on entrepreneurs.



The Duke of Kent puts on a yarmulka at the Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem. He later laid a wreath in memory of the Jews who died during the Second World War

Germany recalls day of shame

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE German President commemorated the sixtieth anniversary yesterday of the start of the Nazi "Kristallnacht" pogrom against Jews as "one of the most shameful moments of German history".

At a ceremony in Berlin at one of the few synagogues to have survived the destruction that began on November 9, 1938, Roman Herzog said the events were "a slap in the face of humanity and civilization that we should always remember".

The Duke of Kent commem-orated the Holocaust by beginning his trip to Israel yester-day with a visit to Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. "I have been honoured and deeply moved to visit this memorial to the victims of persecution," he wrote in the visi-

The Duke's three-day trip to Israel has started controversially, however, as officials have had to deny that he had "snubbed" Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, by not seeking a meeting with him during his trip, the first official visit to Israel by a member of the British Royal Family.

Wrecks of French warships sunk by pirates found

By Gabriella Gamini, south america correspondent

EXPLORERS have found the splintered remains of nine French warships, sunk three centuries ago by Dutch pirates in the jagged coral reefs of Caribbean waters, 100 miles off the coast of Caracas.

The wrecks were found by a diving team led by the explorer Barry Clifford, but have been left at the bottom of the sea pending a proposal to build an "underwater history museum" of the sunken ship skeletons. This is to block bounty hunters from Miami who have already applied for permits to extract artefacts.

those who changed the history of the Caribbean and opened the way for the golden age of piracy," said Mr Clifford, who made the world's first discovery of a pirate ship off Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1984. The French warships are a spectacular find."

The sinking of the warships, which devastated the French Navy, created a power vacuum which opened the way for half a century of pirate contro!, between 1680-1730, in the waters which were a principal route for gold and silver being carried from the Americas. Divers discovered the fleet's 70-gun, 500-man flagship, Le Terrible, which they said has an 18ft anchor. They found coral-encrusted rare bronze can-

nons and balls.
"We came across coral-covered pistols, rifles and swords and silver coins stacked up like gambling chips," said Charles Brewer Carias, a Venezuelan explorer who took part

in the expedition.

The French fleet comprised
35 ships carrying 6,000 men.
The warships had been on their way to invade the Dutch-1678 when they were lured to-wards coral reefs by the pirates acting as mercenaries. Up to 18 ships sank, some 500 men drowned and another 1,000 starved to death or died of disease while marooned on the nearby islands of Las Aves

(The Birds). For years Venezuelan fishermen had seen parts of the galleons through the clear turquoise waters over the reefs. But Mr Clifford's team undertook the first scientific expedition to locate and identify the

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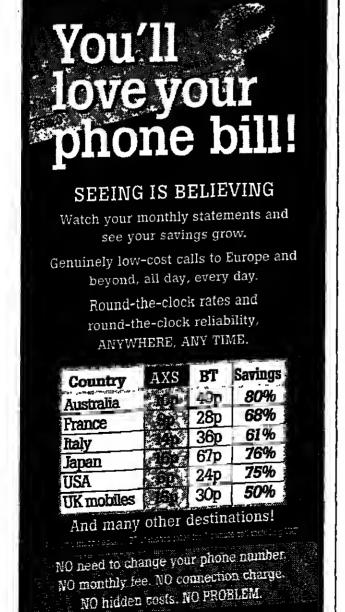


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how to be A GOOD **PARENT**

Unconditional love is the key

Politicians who were fool enough to pontificate on back to basics rued the day: for a parent to talk about parenting is even more dangerous. Parlia-mentarians were reckless to lay down rules on morality, for the Palace of Westminster is the largest glass house in the world. Parenting is even more of an uncharted minefield than that of sexual mores. Hence Philip Larkin's bitter lines: They fire you up, your Mum and Dad/ They may not mean to, but

Oscar Wilde's observation also lives on: "Children begin by loving their parents. After a time they judge them. Rarely, if ever, do they forgive them." I don't know why I have such forgiving children, but around 40 years on we all seem to get along quite well. Certainly our meals together are still as uproarious as ever. and the conversation as uninhibited.

Like the French, when our children were small, we had Sunday lunch out. In this way there was no tension over the cooking, no recriminations if the meat was underdone or overdone. All present could shout DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD ON NURTURE IN THE NURSERY

terred by the fact that they were not respecting the efforts of the cook. One of my sons said that, when asked where he had been educated, he atways replied "in numerous restaurants, all over London".

One of the sadnesses of being an inner-city doctor is to see that, although most parents are every bit as instinctively self-sacrificing as a partridge which feigns a broken wing as it hazards its life for its young, some parents reject their children, fail to establish any rapport with them, and are both physically and mentally harsh. These, the unwilling parents, are probably beyond redemption.

Parents unable to forge longed-for links when their offspring are at a particular age should take comfort: they may manage a better relation-ship with the children when they are older. Until then, they should console themselves that however ham-fisted their parental efforts may be. what matters in the long term is the quality and quantity of love they feel,

even if they cannot always express it. Fortunately, my medical practice has always spanned wide differences in income groups and educational backgrounds, but whatever the cir-cumstances, it is clear that some parents are born great while others ac-

quire greatness through learning.

Although Dr Spock was the guru
of my generation, I infinitely preferred Professor Ronald Illingworth's books, and used Babies and Young Children and The Normal Child as my guides to childcare in the ward or at home. The book which was most useful to my pa-tients was Do Babies have Worries? by June Bingham, written for the then National Association of Mental

Health and brilliantly illustrated.

Mrs Bingham and I seemed to share the same prejudices. Not for Mrs Bingham the Jesuit aphorism that the child's character is formed in the first seven years. We believed that it is how they are loved and treated as babies and toddlers that determines their future development.

Those parents who cannot love their children but regrettably have some should seek professional advice. Oth-erwise, lack of parental enthusiasm and skills will perpetuate a cycle of

ove in the nursery can be divided into three types: affectionate and accepting smothering and dutiful Only one of these the affectionate, accepting love — is truly helpful. Affectionate and accepting parents offer unconditional love. Children are terrified that they may lose their parents' love and cannot distinguish between sin and sinner. If they are naughty, and the naughti-ness is mishandled, the child can be left thinking that not only is their do-

they are rejected too. Children should learn that however much one may be displeased by their actions, parental love goes far deeper than any transient irritation caused by broken flower vases, food refused, relatives insulted or dogs'

tails pulled. Accepting love must also mean that we love our children just as much when they are bottom of the form as top, when they are looking as smart as a guardsman or as be-draggled as a Glastonbury traveller.

In dutiful love, the parents' love is conditional. The child believes that the parents love him or her only be-cause the accident of birth thrust the duty upon them. They feel the love is fragile and could be withdrawn if they lose their parents' approval and fail to succeed. The children subcon-sciously realise that there is a danger that the love may evaporate if they are too much trouble, too disgusting, too noisy — in fact, too human. The child is therefore expected to be unde-manding, obedient, beautiful and successful.

In possessive or smothering love, the child becomes the emotional crutch and toy of the parent. The parent is dependent on the child and on the child's dependence. Parents want to do everything for the child. They want to be its constant companion. its loved one, and want to deprive the child of the chance of growing up and out into the world.

Why I believe in arguments

LADY LONGFORD PUT CHILDREN BEFORE CAREER

he Countess of Longford gave up a chance of a career in Parliament when her political masters forbade her to have more children. She had contested Cheltenham for Labour before the Second World War and Oxford immediately after. She was in line for a safe seat when the edict came that shocked Elizabeth Longford, whose pioneering slogan was "a full life and a family life".

She was, by then, a mother of six. "They said 'Any more and you can't stand for us'. I was so annoyed with my party for asking me to promise not to increase my family that I had two more. I'm so glad I chose babies rather than a seat in the Commons."

Lady Longford directed her ambitions into journalism, family life being her speciality, and later into her acclaimed biographies, but she fitted work around her eight children. Rather than make her own name in politics, she supported the political career of her husband, Francis Pakenham, who became the seventh Earl of Longford and is most associated with his work in penal reform.

Despite the constraints of the times (Lady Longford's children were born between 1932 and 1948), she had no fears that anything terrible would befall her children if she let them out of her sight. "When my eldest child, Antonia, was born, I remember looking out of my window in London and seeing her in her pram in the square. She was days old and on her own but I never thought that anyone would take her. The only one with any fears was Antonia herself. She had wonderful

golden, bubble curls and peo-ple would say: "Will you give me your curls?""

Her children walked to their prep schools without adult supervision. "If I'd driven them all I'd have done nothing else. It can't be good that children don't walk anywhere nowadays." In London, and later in Oxford, the children played in the street. "Kevin chalked out wickets on the pavement. They had to rely on their imagina-

tions and I think children miss

out on that now."
Lady Longford is 92, with the skin of a woman decades younger. Although her eyesight and hearing are poor, she still writes. Lord Longford, also 92, has diminishing vision too, but the couple remain independent. When the daily help leaves. Lady Longford makes afternoon tea, resting her stick on the trolley and wheeling it wildly along the

corridor. One wall of the drawing room is lined with portraits of their children. In the downstairs lavatory are framed letters from some of their 26 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Half their country house in Sussex has been partitioned off for visiting family members, and a stream of cross-generational children on holiday from school come in to see granny and bask in her liveinterest.

"Take your diary," she en-joins the children, who are going to Canada. "Write your impressions of Niagara Falls. and of a baseball bat."

She turns to me: "I didn't have any trouble getting my children to write their diaries. Some people think there is too much writing in our family."

ne aspect of modern family life that disappoints Lady Long-ford is the disappearance of family meals. "I was rather shocked when two of my grandchildren came in while I was visiting their par-ents and, after being sweet to me, went to the fridge and took some food to wherever the tele-

vision was. "I was thrilled to discover that my daughter Rachel [Bill-ington, the novelist] holds disquisitions over Sunday lunch. The children describe the most memorable event of the week, then the parents give theirs.
"My children had a cooked

meal at school. When they came home they'd sit round the tea table together. Frank and I dined later. Antonia complained she was drinking milk in the hall until she was 17.

They had bread and butter, Marmite, jam. cakes and buns, nothing meaty. I was thinking more of their social training than their vitamins. They were never forced to eat

anything.
"If you're lucky enough to have a big family, they learn to discuss things, to keep or lose their tempers. Visitors would be shocked by the arguing that went on. There were two of my children I thought needed

TOMORROW

The selfish gene that prevents



"A big family learns to discuss things, to keep or lose their tempers," says Lady Longford, mother of eight, grandmother of 26 and great-grandmother of 14

needed suppressing, but I was absolutely wrong. They work things out for themselves."

Lord and Lady Longford were married in October 1931; Antonia was born the following August. "One part of me was keen to have children, another part of me wanted more

of a life with Frank While those who want a child of a particular sex now

pay large sums to clinics, Lady Longford was one of the first exponents of DIY methods. The radical gynaecologist Naomi Mitchison had explained her theories of predetermining the sex of a baby through douching.

encouraging an acidic or an alkaline environment. It worked. All Lady Longford's births were at home. "I'd already imbibed the importance of the father's presence. It was an eye-opener for Frank. After Antonia's birth, I said I wasn't having any more, but Thomas came 11 months later. There

was no epidural then, but for

bringing on and rivals who his birth I asked for gas." She pressed, he bought them hats. classics until we were about 14. poem after lunch on Sundays disagrees with opponents of pain relief in childbirth. "When anaesthetics came in during Victoria's reign, people said you couldn't love your child unless you suffered."

Influenced by her husband, she became a Roman Catholic but does not agree with Rome's ban on fam-

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ily planning. "I used natural and artificial methods to space my family. If I was having children now, I'd be tempted to plan too much: I don't suppose I'd have eight." Lord Longford, entering the room, asks mischievously: "At what moment did you de-

cide to go in for the

big time?"This sets off a discussion on the greater role that today's fathers are expected to play. ") wasn't welcome, butting into the kitchen," he says.

Probably, I was rather bossy and preferred to do a lot of it myself," admits his wife. "Frank was very good when the children became intelligent human beings who could argue. If the girls became de-

I was the disciplinarian. Occasionally, I lost my temper and slapped them. But I didn't approve of that. I preferred to let them go without their goodnight sweets."

She understands the dilemma of today's career mothers. "I've always preached that you could have a working life, a family and a husband thrown in. But I didn't begin writing until my youngest was at day school." When she was commissioned to write for The Sunday Times, she went to see the Editor. "When I asked where my desk was, he said 'But you are going to work at home, aren't you?"

She also understands their fears about childcare. "My first namny was an untrained country girl. I was told that when Thomas cried she held him under the cold tap but I didn't believe it. I think I got her through an agency but after that I found them through personal recommendations.

As a baby in Harley Street (her father was an ophthalmic surgeon), the former Elizabeth Harman was wheeled out "relentlessly" in her pram. From her mother she learnt the importance of reading to children. "She read most of the

forced to listen. In the holidays there would be a reading before lunch and another at bedtime. They'd all sit around me. This depends on the parents being at home, which they may

not be these days. "My children were allowed to listen to the wireless only on weekends. They rebelled but there was only one set in the

Lady Longford taught one son, Kevin, at home for a year because he was not ready for school. She used home course books topped up with poetry. drama and nature studies. We found a moth chrysalis that was about to hatch and put it on the nature table. We watched the moth creep out with trembling wings - then a sparrow darted in and swallowed it whole. Kevin let out a heart-breaking scream.

"My children weren't indulged. They had to recite a

before they got their pocket money. If they saw something they wanted in a shop, they had to walt until Christmas or

a hirthday." Lady Longford says parents have a duty to address sex education. "but if it's uncongenial to them, schools now do a good job". Her own mother, a doctor, told her nothing, so the young Elizabeth believed a friend who said menstrual blood was "milk gone bad". Her brother observed the silkworms he kepi "and worked it out for himself.

Lady Longford broached the subject too early with Antonia: We were walking along a lane in Oxford and I was really getting into it. Suddenly a little voice said 'I've heard enough, Mother, I don't want to hear any more. She was seven and I realised that I'd been ramming it down her throat."

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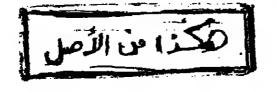
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Russia's fabled seductress



Sir Isaiah Berlin (1909-97), the philosopher, historian and diplomat, was seduced by the spirit of Anna Akhmatova but remained chastely on his side of the room

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cance, while he fought shy of

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a safe intellectual distance.

Isaiah Berlin refused to write an autobiography. But he agreed to talk about his past to Michael Ignatieff and from this has come the first full, authorised biography. In this extract he tells of the encounter which mattered to Berlin more than any other - his meeting with one of the great figures of the Russian intelligentsia, the poet Anna Akhmatova

n Leningrad in 1945, Isaiah met Anna Akhmatova. a poet of the pre-revolutionary era who had not been allowed to publish anything since 1925. Most of her apartment was occupied by Akhmatova's ex-husband Nikolai Punin, his wife and

Akhmatova had a room overlooking the courtyard at the end of the half. It was bare and denuded: no carpets on the floor or curtains at the windows, just a small table, three chairs, a wooden chest, a sofa, and near the bed a drawing of Akhmatova - head bent, reclining on a couch - rapidly sketched by her friend Amedeo Modigliani during her visit to Paris in 1911. It was the only icon of a Europe she had last seen 34 years earlier. Now stately, grey-haired, with a white shawl around her shoulders, she rose to greet her first visitor from that lost continent. Isaiah bowed - it seemed appropriate - for she looked like a tragic queen.

She was 20 years older than he, once a farnous beauty, now shabbily dressed, heavy, with shadows beneath her dark eyes, but of proud carriage and coolly dignified expression. As they sat down on rickety chairs at opposite ends of the room and began talking. Isaiah knew her only as the brilliant and beautiful member of the pre-revolutionary poetic circle known as the Acmeists; as the brightest star of St Petersburg's wartime avantgarde and its meeting place, the Stray Dog Cafe. But of what had befallen her after the

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revolution, he knew nothing. There was nothing falsely melodramatic about her tragic air. Her first husband. Nikolai Gumilyov, had been executed in 1921 on trumped-up charges of plotting against Lenin. The



Erotic interest: the poet Anna Ahkmatova, 1889-1966

years of terror had begun for her then, and not in 1937. In the late summer of 1945 her son Lev, released earlier from Siberia to serve in the Soviet Army in Germany, at last returned home. She allowed herself to hope that her life might finally be about to improve.

Her conversation with Isaiah at first was formal and constrained. The room was poorly lit; she sat in one corner, he in the other, smoking Swiss miniature cigars with their plastic handles. Her face was wreathed in shadow, his in

smoke. She began asking him about her Russian emigrant friends. He was able to tell her that he had met the composer Arthur Lurie in New York during the war. She had had a brief affair with Lurie, in the far-gone era when she had frequented the Stray Dog Cafe and he had composed futurist music for performance there.

In her eyes. Isaiah was serving as messenger between the two Russian cultures - one in external exile, the other in internal exile - which had been split apart by the revolution. In the poems she wrote after his departure, she said that Europe was putting out its leaves: that a green shoot from the culture that had once been hers had at last coiled its way into the Fontanny Dom.

But she was categorical about the question of emigration. She would never leave Russia. Her place was with her people and with her native language. Isaiah was quite sure he had never met anyone with such a genius for selfdramatisation - but, at the same time, he recognised that her claim to a tragic destiny was as genuine as that of anyone he had ever met.

He had always sought validation by genius: it mattered intensely to him that Virginia Woolf, Freud, Wittgenstein and Keynes had all seen his worth. But this encounter matlered more than any other. Here was the greatest living poet of his native language talking to him as if he had always belonged to her circle, as if he knew everyone she knew, had read everything that she had read, understood what she said and what she meant. In reality, of course, this was an illusion: he knew far less about her than she supposed. Nonetheless, a moment of the purest communication, such as occurs only once or twice in any lifetime, was taking place. It was three in the morning

when her son, Lev Gumilyov, arrived. He was two years younger than Isaiah - 34 to Isaiah's 36 - and phenomenally well-read and educated despite having been arrested at the age of 24. He had read Proust and Joyce in the original, despite never having left did not sleep together. the confines of the Soviet Union, and obviously thought of himself, like his mother, as preserving European standards of culture against the Soviet tide. He had been arrested for the crime of having Nikolai Gumilyov and Anna Akhmato-

va as his parents. Now he seemed convinced that his miswould resume a scholar's life in his native city. He went into the kitchen alcove and found some boiled potatoes in a dish. His mother was embarrassed by the meagreness of their hospitality, but Isaiah remembered with pleasure how they divided the clutch of potatoes in the dish and ate them together in the near-dark room, by the glowing stove.

When her son had left, they

talked about their favourite au-thors and for the first time began to disagree. He shared her reverence for Pushkin, her distaste for Chekhov's "mud-coloured world", but he could not share her love of Dostoevsky, and she had no time for his affection for Turgenev. These were not mere differences of taste: they marked the boundaries between their emotional worlds - Isaiah drawn to the lightness, delicacy and irony of Turgeney, but repelled by the violence, darkness and emotional intensity of Dostoevsky: Akhmatova identifying with Dostoevsky's intense depiction of inner states, and unable to bear the delicate subtle-

ties of Turgenev. or was this their only disagreement. Isaiah idealised Tolstoy for the breadth of his historical vision, while Akhmatova was repelled by what she regarded as his sexual hypocrisy. In allowing Anna Karenina to be hounded to her death, she said. Tolstoy had capitulated to the philistine social conventions he said he condemned.

Isaiah was pleased to discover her scornful, sarcastic and slightly malicious side; then the queenly demeanour was replaced by something more humorous and human. She spoke amusingly about Pasternak's recurrent crushes on her, how, in the 1920s, he would come over and sigh that he could not live without her. only to tire and beg his wife to

take him back home. She confessed how lonely she was, how desolate her Leningrad had become. She spoke of her past loves and, moved by her confessional mode but also perhaps to forestall her erotic interest in him -Isaiah confessed that he was in love with someone himself. Akhmaiova seems to have passed on a wildly garbled version of these remarks about his love life to Korney Chukovsky, whose memoirs, published years later, referred to Berlin as a Don Juan disembarking in Leningrad to add Akhmatova to his list of conquests. Akhmatova seems to have been responsible for this malentendu. It has hung over their encounter ever since. No Russian who reads Cinque, the poems she devoted to their evening together, has ever been able to believe that they

In fact, they hardly touched. He remained on one side of the room, she on the other. Far from being a Don Juan, he was a sexual neophyte alone in the apartment of a fabled seductress, who had enjoyed romantic attachments with half a dozen supremely talented men. She was already invest-

They parted without embrac-ing. At the train station on the border with Finland, a venerable Soviet lady customs official looked over the books, inscribed by the proscribed poet. bowed gravely and let him pass through the looking glass

into the other world. Absently he journeyed through Helsin-ki, Stockholm and a Paris as "clean, beautiful, silent and empty" as a tomb. After a brief stopover in England, he re-turned to Washington. But his thoughts stayed with Akhmatova, for in a letter written in late February he was still talking about his visit as "the most thrilling thing that has ever, I

think, happened to me". The last of Isaiah's encounters with the great figures of the Russian intelligentsia occurred in 1965, when he managed to persuade Oxford University to grant Anna Akhmatova an honorary degree. He had telephoned her in Moscow in 1956, and she had received the news of his marriage with icy silence. They had both decided that it was not safe to meet. When she duly appeared in Oxford in June 1965; Isaiah was shocked to see how she had aged. She had gained weight and he thought, a linle unkindly, that she resembled Catherine the Great. But she carried herself like an empress and delivered her opinions with imperial

side Headington House and surveyed the splendid garden. the three-storey Georgian house and Isaiah's new wife. she observed caustically: "So the bird is now in its golden cage." The spark that had leapt between them 20 years earlier was now extinguished. He could only secure for her the recognition in the West that was her due; she could only acknowledge it with regal hauteur. He accompanied her

as she stood in the Sheldonian

force. When she arrived out-

and heard herself acclaimed in Latin as "an embodiment of the past, who can console the present and provide hope for the future". She departed for Paris and home, and Isaiah never saw her again. She died the following year. His anti-communism had always been a declaration of allegiance to the intelligentsia, of whom she was the last surviving heroine. After her death, he exclaimed to a friend that he would always think of her as an "uncontaminated, unbroken" and "morally impeccable" reproach to all the Marxist fellow travellers who believed individuals could never stand up to the march of history.

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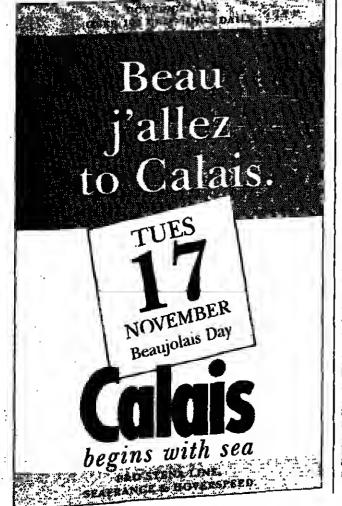


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Nowt so queer as a minister

Politicians should not be victims of

a bitch-hunt, says Michael Gove

s John Prescott a homosexual? He did seem curiously exercised about the press treatment of Nick Brown and Ron Davies. Is he one of the "gay mafia" The Sun has

varned us about?
The evidence, admittedly, is only circumstantial. Not every-one who opted for the all-male world of the Merchant Navy in the Sixties was gay, and there are several men who have made a career out of waiting at tables who are resolutely heterosexual. The Deputy Prime Minister is, of course, married with children. But then so was Jeremy Thorpe and, of course, Ron Davies. And Mr Prescott's wife, brassy, northern, a hairdresser, even. Well, isn't she exactly the sort of woman gay men adore, a camp icon to rank with Bet Gilroy or Barbra Streisand? Go on, John, take advantage of the new tolerance. When it comes to coming out the public can take the rough with the smooth, the Nick Browns with

the Chris Smiths.
Preposterous? Well no more so than some of the generalisations which the "outing" of Cabinet ministers have pro-

voked. The Sun's political Trevor Kavanagh, perhaps our finest tabloid journalist. and a man of usually sober judgment, has been provoked by the revelation that "at least four members of Tony Blair's Cabinet were actively gay'.

thing Mr Kavanagh fears that there may be more. His reasons? He argues that "politics is a form of ego-tripping performance art which, like the theatre and the law, attracts more than its share of camp personalities". Camp? Ron Davies? The former Welsh Secretary is a brutal fixer who is as camp as Vinnie Jones. In so far as his downfall proves anything it proves how difficult it is to know our

fellow men, and how dangerous to judge by stereotypes. Who is the campest figure in Parliament? Paul Boateng, perwho dresses as though he had been kitted out by Mr Humphries from Grace Brothers. Is he free? Well, young Mr Boateng has five children and a deep Christian faith. If he's homosexual then he's going a

funny way about it. Although those who are apparently exercised about homosexuality in public life seem confident in their generalisations about gay men — camp. performance artists, mafia-like and so on — they are still surprisingly at a loss to know just who fits the bill. They've got an Identikit photo but so many of the suspects don't just match the stereotype. So, unable to trust circumstantial evidence. The Sun insists on a confession, demanding have a right to know.

No we don't. We have a right to guess, gossip, speculate, and even draw conclusions. We have a right to be prejudiced against the camp, to stereotype performance artists and to tolerate gay Agriculture Ministers. But we do not, and should not. force people to declare their sexual preferences just be-cause they are in public life. The closet's a fine and private place, so leave them there if they want to embrace.

Ministers have fashioned a rod for their own backs, if that is not too camp a metaphor, by insisting that public figures who are Freemasons disclose their membership. Their witch-hunt against those inno-cent souls who enjoy charitable work while wearing aprons is childishly illiberal. The right to privacy is a precious, and very British, thing. There are few questions

as odious, and as alien to our ears, as the McCarthyite sneer. "What have you got to hide?" Just because the Government is inaugurating a witch-hunt against Freema-sons shouldn't mean the media can launch a bitch-hunt against the camp.

The suggestion that there is a Velvet Mafia in the Com-mons, a pink ring of Labour luvvies and a Primrose League of Tory trouser-droppers, is no justification for an hysterical campaign of outing. If politicians push an agenda, on the age of consent, for example, which observers con-

sider ill-judged, then the argument should be fought The right on the high ground of reason. If lowerto privacy ing the age of consent is wrong, then It is wrong whether it is advanced by Peter Tatchell, Jack Straw or Cardinal Hume, Ad hominem arguments invariably,

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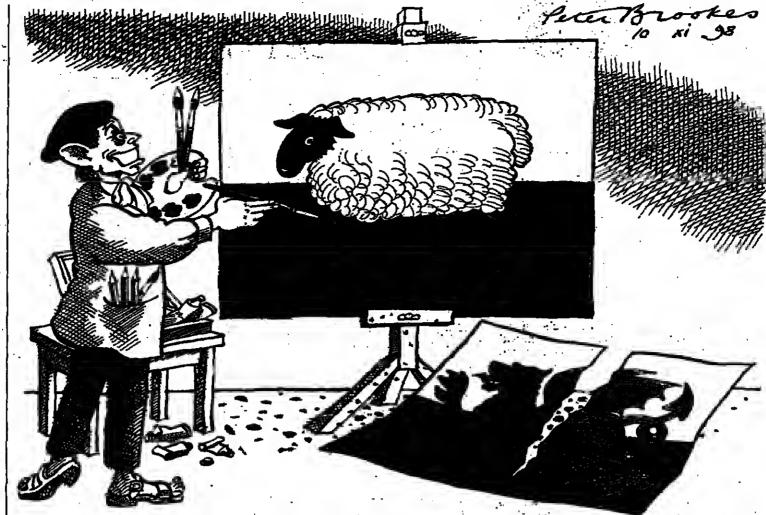
weak. It may be argued that there is something qualita-tively different about a "gay mafia" that distinguishes it from, say, a Scots mafia in the Commons. Despite the case with which some would stereotype both homosexuals and Scots it is easier to spot the latter. As anyone who saw the World Cup will know, the Scots are more likely to cry in

Because Scottishness cannot be hidden, but homosexuality can, there are fears that agendas will be hidden, too. They may be. But it doesn't matter. If more members of the Cabinet were outed it might be shocking for their mothers, it might tell us something sobering about how difficult a political career is for those with families, but it wouldn't alter the wisdom, or folly, of individual policies. Tax increases hurt just as much whether inflicted by the

Politicians advance all sorts of schemes for all sorts of motives. Distasteful as love for those of the same sex may appear to many, is it any more distasteful than the self-lovewhich drives so many politicians? The towering egotism which led Michael Heseltine to devote millions to the Millennium Dome is a more corrupting infatuation than the tendresse his successors may have had for any individu-al. I would rather the love that dare not speak its name than the love which builds a monument to itself at my expense. And I would rather not have to think about what John Pres-

cott gets up to in bed.

gay, straight or celibate.



"THAT'S MORE LIKE A WELSH ASSEMBLY LEADER ... "

When Dilly went to war

know what I shall think of during the two minutes' silence tomorrow: a bill in Southern ftaly. For earlier this year we went to Monte Cassino with our friend Dilly, and no history lesson, book or film has ever brought war home so vividly. We rightly remember the dead, and study the generals and the poets; but sometimes it is good to be reminded that still in our midst, saying little, are hundreds of quier old men with memories to make your hair stand on end.

George Sharp, universally known as Dilly, is a Suffolk farmworker. His wisecracks are familiar to anybody who followed my husband, Paul Heiney, through eight years of farming columns in The Times. We knew Dilly had a war record, mainly because the first time our sheep got loose on the marsh, he dived through a hedge to cut them off, roaring "Haar! I" was with Monty, in the desert!" Another time our son interviewed him about the battles of Monte Cassino for a primary school project, and he reluctantly gave a few details of the terrible ascent of the Rocca Janula, climbing the ridge over

You just followed orders, see?" Mainly he did not speak of it, but kept his chickens, hoed our mangels Lately, though, he let slip that he was thinking of taking a trip with his friend Shirley to see Monte Cassino again. "Check up on it." He is not in the habit of leaving Suffolk, let alone England; talk of an organised "battlefield tour" was shelved with horror when he discovered that there were lectures. "Don't want a lecture. I was there." Diffidently, we suggested that during that March travel-doldrum when airlines offer improbably low fares, we should come, too, ease the way and drive the hire car. We said we would be honoured to go with a real veteran. We did not know how

We picked them up at 5am. Dill had been up at 3.30 cooking himself porridge, bacon and eggs. "Got to get a good breakfast." Last time he left these shores he was 18 years old, off on a troopship with the Norfolk and Suffolks to an undeclared destination which turned out to be Africa. At Gatwick, he remarked without awe: "Last time I went on a plane, I had to sit on my pack." At Naples airport we fancy ourselves as European Amid the pomp and the poppies, a Suffolk farmworker reminds us of

the quiet heroes still in our midst

travellers but actually speak very little Italian and generally resort to strangulated British gestures and monosyllables - Dill deployed Tommies' Italian from 1943, becoming again a confident 19-year-old lance corporal in charge of his own Brengun, with a cheerful "Hello, Giannit" for allcomers. With a few words and many flapping gestures of the el-bows, he readily conveyed to assorted car-hire officials that last time he was here, the trouble was the Germans had pinched all the chickens, making it hard to live off the land. Tedesci had the chickens -

boom!" We drove north up the autostrada, odd memories surfacing. Gor - how it rained. Rained all that winter. We step out in that rain every night, under a gas cape." We paused

for a sandwich; at the servizio counter Dilly picked up a self-assured young Serb, hitching to Bologna to meet a lorry bound for Belfast. He aimed to be a nature-warden in Londonderry. Old wars and new merged: all this boy's family, he said, were killed in Sarajevo. Dilly told him how his company forded the swollen river on the march from the Adriatic. "The major swum it ahead of us with a tug-o'-war rope, the rest of us waded through, up to our

chests, holding the rope." We drove on: Dill told us about the landscape of 1943 and the women in the fields with mattocks; about the high time they caught a pig and ate it. and the thrill when lush American food parcels were accidentally dropped among British troops pale after months of bully-beef and bis-

Then we saw Monte Cassino. Dilly craned out of the car, saying "Worth it. Just to be on this road". Our luggage was full of history books but we had not quite understood the chronology. At 19 he had seen the medieval Benedictine monastery at the summit, noble against the sky, day after day through weeks of bitter conflict. On February 15, 1944, he saw it flattened by Allied bombers in one of the worst miscalculations of the war (there were no Germans there, only monks and refugees, who died). After the war it was rebuilt: what Dill

That night, as rain pattered oo the hotel roof, it was hard not to think of those poor shivering boys under gas capes. Hundreds of them had nothing but death shead yet Dilly was marked old by caption Europe and into history.

saw from the hire car was history

healthy years back home, hoeing and chasing sheep. No sense to be made of The next day at the monastery we round an old monk who

had been there in the

bombing, then went to the cemeteries. A British war cemetery is a wonderful thing; an austere dormitory of graves, apparently as impersonal as a rank of infantry — until you open a brass door in the shelter and there are registers of every name, showing the number of the grave and the name of relatives. In minutes, Dilly found his serpeant, shot down just ahead of him; we withdrew a little, to read the hundreds of names on the monu-

ments. We took a break from these memories to drive up Vesuvius. where Dill gallantly bought me a tortoise made of lava, and to Naples. where his universal air of benign authority made an Italian tourist ask him for directions, to general merriment. Back in Cassino he picked up more elderly new friends ("La guerra? Boom, boom! Tedesci - 1 was here - remember?" Several did). Finally, we looked for the actual ridge to the Rocca Janula which he climbed on the worst night, under shellfire and over the dying, gun-barrel on his back. The route lay up narrow backstreets in a jumble of allotments

and chicken-houses; he identified the spot, unchanged except for a few rockfalls. We looked for a while, took a picture, and left. Next day was the

plane home. Last time Lance Corporal Sharp left Italy, it was a longer business; a march northward, mopping-up battles. Pisa, then Bologna, where news came of the German surrender. Then a spell on garrison duty in Austria "Schönbrunn Palace - nice place" and a victory march past Marsha Zukhov in Prague. We had some-times wondered, we children of a supposedly sophisticated age, where the old man with the hoe got his breezy self-assurance. Now we knew; like tens of thousands of other Tommies, before he was 20 he saw death and despair and triumph, ludged officers and men against lurid horror, marched through the heart of

hen his country had finished with Dilly it gave him a suit, a pair of shoes, a hat, a raincoat and a rail warrant home to Darsham. He walked home from the and that was the end of Dilly's war. So he tended cows and hoed beet for 50 years, and minded his own business.

I do not quite know why it moves me so. Remembrance Sunday is for the dead, and poppies for the damaged survivors; Dill was luckier, and came home. Maybe it is just that only the contemplation of such a long, well-led unpretending life can bring home what it was that the other boys lost. There were tens of thousands of them, as willing and dutiful, as brave and full of fun and fond of stolen chickens. The only difference is

that they did not grow old. The old soldiers who visit their friends in the cemeteries know this very well. But as a nation we have changed, losing notions of virtue and obedience and sacrifice. Sometimes it seems that we have become a generation of litigious whimperers. where survivors sue for trauma instead of lighting candles of thanksgiving, and even doctors and policemen clamour for the label of victim. A curtain of understanding and expectation, usually impenetrable, has fallen between the generations. We were glad, over those few days, to have that curtain raised.

A Labour rake's progress

#TIMES TUESDAY NON 1.

The Tory legacy is being squandered

says John Redwood

his afternoon, at the Tories' request, the Commons debates the state of manufacturing. The Government claims factories are closing because of world factors. We have been predicting for some time that there will be a manufacturing recession. Opinion is divided on whether it will spread. We have no wish to talk the rest of the economy into recession, but could Conservative policy have avoided the damage

being done?

Certainly. Our policies would have concentrated on creating a better climate for business, with less cost and lower interest rate:

We supported the Government's decision to keep to our spending plans for the first two years in office. To some extent it did so. As a result, it began its rake's progress from a solid position. We supported it when it came forward with a welfare propos-al that cut the bills. We have backed the sale of the air traffic control system and encouraged the sale of shares in the Post Office. We welcome sensible moves to promote more employee shareholdings as a way of motivating and rewarding

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people for success.

Unfortunately, even in the first two years the Government deviated from our spending plans. It spent wildly to little effect on the Welfare to Work scheme. It started to tinker with the welfare system more generally. And then it decided that it could make a huge increase in public spending, especially in welfare, in the second half of the Parliament. We gave warning that the country could not afford these plans. We pointed out that it meant interest rates too high, taxes too high or borrowing too high.
If the Government had kept family credit instead of replacing it with working families tax credit, it would have saved us a lot of money. After years of battling with the welfare bill, the last Conservative Government brought it under control in the last two years. Labour have thrown that away in 18 months. They promised us a manful reform which would free more money for health and educa-tion. Instead, the increase in welfare is about the same size as the combined increase of health and

education. They needed a huge increase in taxation, especially on businesses and motoring to pay for their spending plans. Some £25,000 million extra business tax over the lifetime of this Parliament hits industry hard, as it struggles to handle sterling and high interest rates at the same time. Hitting ionsis when h has been provided for many journeys is another block to business success. We would neither have raised welfare spending nor business taxes in

We would have increased health and education spending, afforded by the natural increase of revenues from growth in the economy and from the modest inflation of wages and prices. Labour's much-heralded increases are smaller than many we made, year after year.

llied to their high tax-and-A spend policies have come a series of measures which spend policies have come a have deliberately hiked the costs of doing business. The Working Time regulations will cost businesses £2.3 billion in a full year. The minimum wage will cost at least £2.9 billion. Other social measures from London and Brussels bring the total extra costs up to £14 billion over the rest of this Parliament. Much of the money is swallowed up in extra bureaucracy; it does not find its way to the low

Labour have thrown in the towel on their minimum wage. They advertised it as a way of taking people off benefit. They disagree with the Opposition idea of a minimum income, rather than a minimum wage, where the wage is topped up by family credit if necessary. Now they have invented a system where even more people will depend on top-ups. Families will get little or no benefit from the higher minimum wage where they are on very low and however of the second of t incomes, because benefit will be withdrawn as the wage goes up.

Two years ago Britain was the first

choice of many multinationals for a new investment. They were arrracted by the relatively light business taxes, the less expensive regulations than on the Continent and by the favourable business climate. Now Britain is often the first choice for closure, we have lost our edge. It doesn't take very much to tip the balance and it doesn't take very long. Labour have stumbled into placing too many straws on the industrial camel's back. So what should be done? The Government should delay or cancel many of its expensive social and employment measures. It should return to Brussels and insist on changes. It should abandon plans to disrupt industrial relations with new laws. It should reduce public spending, so that the Bank of England wants to cut interest rates more. It

and work per service and stands work per service and s make things in Britain again. Manufacturing recession is not all industry's fault. The plants which were productive and profitable two years ago suddenly face closure. The main reason is the policy of Her

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JASPER GERARD | Majesty's Government

Abbey ahoy!

SIR WALTER RALEIGH is to go up into a puff of republican smoke. The Dean of Westminster and Betty Boothroyd want to topple the statue of one of Elizabeth I's favourites. He has long cast an explorer's eye over the Ministry of Defence, but now Sir Walter looks likely to be shunted off to the Abbey. The future of the lifesize bronze, by William Macmillan, will be decided by Westminster Council later this month. The statue, unveiled in 1959 by John Hay Whitney, American Ambassador, was commissioned to mark the 350th anniversary of the landings at

Jamestown, Virginia Supporters of the move say the statue is dwarfed by the bronzes of Montgomery, Alanbrooke and Siim, A better home, the Very Rev Wesley Carr and the Speaker believe, would be outside St Margaret's Church, where the adventurer was executed and buried. Nicholas Soames, the former Minister for Defence, supports the move: "I always thought it was in the wrong

However, Andrew Roberts, the historian, detects the waft of political correctness from anti-imperialists such as George Robertson, the Defence Secretary: "These patriotic pirate adventurers receive a bad press nowadays," he says. There is stacks of space outside the MoD. I hope this has nothing to do with Walter being a slave trader and our first tobacconist."



 BEING bombarded with bras and knickers by frenzied fans used to be a pleasure reserved for rock stars. But if proof were needed that gardening has become the new sex, look at Alan Tuchmarsh. The fragrant BBC weed exterminator was drumming up interest in his new book about McGregor (a sexy TV gardener, naturally) when a woman from the audience, overcome by something, sprinted up to the stage and unleashed a triple-D bra at Titchy. "This is not a plant, so I have nothing to say about it,"

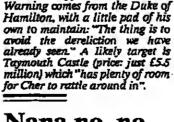


he noted, cool as a cucumber in early April. Oh Alan!

Beniie's bash

OUT and about in London this. week will be Benjamin Wegg Pross-er. Peter Mandelson's portable brain and emergency dinner date. Ben has been invited to Tester's Little Black Book party at Mr Chow's, a smart singles night for young eligibles (the recently wed Santa Palmer-Tomkinson and Simon Sebag Montefiore met there) Ben, more manly than Mandy, might sidle up to an illustrious invitee the Princess Royal's tongue-studded daughter. Zara Phillips; Peter loves a royal.

 DAMP Highland air could soon fill the minute ribcage of Cher. The chanteuse, pictured, tells me that



she is looking for a Scottish castle.

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Lord Plumb. Our mature burgundy of an MEP was to be serenaded by the Greek at a retirement dinner. Plumb expected Nana at the Pittville Pump Room with just a



12-piece band, and wanted £10,000 expenses. "She wanted to come like a big star," says Dr Puck Wertwyn. Phimb's chairman. "I had to say, Bye bye, Nana'." OLORD HUNT was asked by Lord Longford why he sent two others to

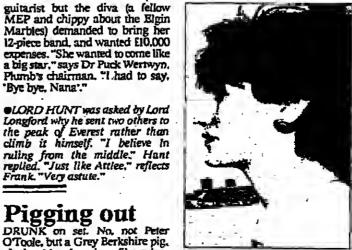
the peak of Everest rather than climb it himself. "I believe in ruling from the middle." Hant replied. "Just like Attlee," reflects Frank. "Very astute."

Pigging out DRUNK on set. No. not Peter O'Toole, but a Grey Berkshire pig.

playing Napoleon in a film adaption of Animal Farm. Shooting in Co Wicklow was halted when he reported unable to continue. There was Guinness mixed with feed," says an animal rights type. "Any farmer that raises pigs in Ireland will tell you Guinness is good for 'em — they give it to racehorses. It was a little unsteady and I understand there may have

been some snoring."

Vet on site Finbarr Heslin reports: "It seems that the pig had been fed more than it should - it is playing the lead - and was over the limit. When it came round in



to have a hangover. Shocking.

MY favourite with cocoa and slippers. Francine Stock, above, late of Newsnight, is to publish her debut novel. A Foreign Country. "It is about judgments." she says. "I read Italian at university and come general publishment about the says." came across papers about émigrés which set me thinking. I was ill a few years ago and realised that hecoming a grand old dume and turning out books was remote."

Anyone who cares about isolationist trends in American politics, and who understands

the importance of America's continuing

engagement in the world's affairs, should

be concerned by the end of Newt

Gingrich's tenure as Speaker of the US

House of Representatives. Mr Gingrich's

decision to stand down was as sudden as

was his eruption, four years ago, onto the

Washington stage. The cause lies partly in

the man, an ebullient and too often

abrasive political operator. It was made

inevitable by his misreading of the electoral mood. As the principal Republi-

can Party strategist in this year's mid-term

elections, he was bound to take the blame

for its failure. But although the Republi-

cans have decided that Mr Gingrich is now

an electoral liability, this should not blind

them, or observers of the American scene,

to the extent of his achievements.

At home he will be remembered best for

the Contract with America, which secured

the Republican landslide in 1994. That

platform combined ideological coherence

with specific proposals on economics,

crime and welfare reform that addressed

highly practical policy problems. The

Clintoo Administration accepted those

elements that commanded widest appeal

and left the Republicans bereft of an

alternative agenda. That presented Mr

Gingrich with a tactical problem, but

remains a testament to his political

intelligence in shifting the national agenda.

tured Congress without the strategic

insight shown by Mr Gingrich. They will

not retain that control or advance an

agenda of merit if they substitute manageri-

alism for vision, fragmentation for com-

mand and isolationism for international-

ism. The Gingrich tactics misfired in these

elections; but important aspects of his

philosophy remain essential to his party's

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AFTER GINGRICH

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people's choice.

Newspaper stories about "girl power", about more female than male undergraduates, about women being better suited to new jobs than men, may suggest that a Women's Unit in Whitehall is hardly now required. Add to that a proper scepticism about bureaucratic initiatives and New Labour's popularity-boosters, and yesterday's 'relaunch' by Baroness Jay of Paddington and Tessa Jowell may seem an even more unnecessary distraction.

Women still, however, earn 20 per cent less than men for each hour that they work. despite 23 years of the Equal Pay Act. Men still hold some 80 to 90 per cent of the top jobs in Britain. Whatever the argument about the means, there is still plenty of

progress to be made. The chief contribution of Lady Jay's predecessor, Harriet Harman, was to persuade Gordon Brown to include in his Welfare to Work programme a national childcare strategy with tax credits and to include lone parents in the New Deal. The ministers concentrated yesterday on women's income and employment, their safety, the difficulties of combining work and family, and the particular problems faced

by teenage girls. This relaunch was presented in advance as an attempt to move the unit's focus away from middle-class feminism and towards an earthier real world. This was not wholly right. Making work pay for poor women, and helping them with childcare so that they can leave the home, is a decent down-to-earth policy in itself. Women of all incomes and status worry about violence, wrestle with the work/family dilemma and discover that they are paid less than their

gramme capable of winning back the votes that have deserted it this time.

The significance of his departure extends, however, well beyond domestic poliocs. Other nations, perhaps this one most of all, may not care to recognise the fact, but internationalists such as President Bush and, latterly at least, President Clinton, are relatively rare in America's inherently inward-looking political life. The aspect of Mr Gingrich's policies which will be most missed is his understanding of the importance of international questions. He is the most coherent exponent of internationalism on the Right of the American political spectrum, and one with the skills to fuse that eloquence and understanding into a platform capable of attracting bipartisan support. In a chamber with increasing numbers of Republican isolationists and Democratic protectionists, the Speaker stood for free trade and international engagement.

He backed the White House on a range of causes from the military deployment in Bosnia to the American bailout of the Mexican economy. Mr Gingrich combined a right-wing domestic agenda with a grasp of world affairs that owed more to the lone and honourable tradition of Republican liberalism. His free-trading convictions, more solid than most congressmen of either party, have never been more necessary than they are today, if the world is to avoid the folly of retreating from financial turmoil into protectionism. Some Republicans might now be tempted to adopt a more populist posture on overseas matters. That would be the wrong lesson to draw from their electoral defeats. It would also be against the larger interests of the United States and of the wider world. Mr Gingrich has been forced to beat a political retreat; but it would be a singular misfortune, and misjudgment, if his ideas were to be dismissed as an irrelevance,

AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE

Closed lists are bad for democracy

At every election in British history, voters have placed their crosses against the candidate of their choice. Next year, at the European elections, the Government would like to break this tradition. Last week the House of Lords rejected - for a second time - an attempt to sever the direct link between voter and representative. Today the Government will attempt to reverse this defeat in the House of Commons, insisting that the new system should be implemented, but that it will be reviewed after next June's elections.

Tempting though it may be, MPs should desist from attacking the Lords on the ground that it was hereditary peers who helped to block the measure. They should instead consider the issue at hand. The hereditary principle may indeed be indefensible, but so too is the proposed new system which would substitute party choice for

Under the new system, the current constituency boundaries for Members of the European Parliament will be abolished. Eleven regions of varying sizes will take their place. Each region will be represented by a differing number of MEPs. If the Government has its way. ballot papers will give the electorate the chance to vote for parties, not individual candidates. Seats will be divided among the parties according to the proportion of the vote each party receives in that region. The candidates will be chosen according to the order in which they appear on lists

drawn up by their party - the so-called "closed" lists. If the Government fails to overturn the

Lords' amendments, voters will be able to elect the candidate of their choice from an "open" list. Votes will first be assigned to the parties, and seats will be distributed proportionally. But the candidates sent to Brussels will be those who win the most votes, not those who top the party list. The Home Secretary, Jack Straw, has attacked open lists as "eccentric". He asserts that "it is not true that voters will be informed about the relative merits of the candidates," and that "what they are informed about is the relative merits of the parties."

Mr Straw's patronising approach puts backroom machinations of party politics above the will of the electorate. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, whose report on electoral reform won praise from the Prime Minister, condemns closed lists for giving candidates "a position of effective immunity from the preference of the electorate". By acknowledging the need for a review, ministers have tacitly accepted that the new system will be problematic. Rather than forcing through the closed list system. ministers should consider other options. They have accepted that the Scots and Welsh are sufficiently well informed to be able to express a preference about which candidates should represent them in the Scottish parliament and Welsh assembly. The same should apply for the whole country in the European elections.

ASSISTING THE SISTERS

A Women's Unit still has a job to do

male colleagues. And most teenage girls are likely at times to agonise about their weight and lose confidence in themselves. Enlightened employers already recognise the importance of helping parents of both sexes to combine their work with their family responsibilities. They know that good staff are more likely to stay if their hours are tailored to their lives. The employees gain, and so do their dependent children or elderly parents. But society wins too as families become stronger and more stable. And flexible working can also entice more parents into the workforce,

helping to boost the economy. Short of exhortation, though, there is not much that ministers can do to improve matters in the private sector. A more flexible labour market is already producing arrangements such as term-time working; although it is also increasing demand for people to work in the evenings and at weekends. In the public sector, however, Government can set an example. For example, a shortage of nurses coexists with a large number of qualified nurses still at home after having children because

NHS rosters are too inflexible. The biggest achievement of the Women's Unit will be if it manages to co-ordinate thinking across departments without creating a bureaucratic burden of its own. Too often policy is made or laws passed that, out of thoughtlessness rather than malice, are worse for women than for men. But the test for this administration will be if joined-up thinking is turned into joined-up action. The final test of success will be when a Women's Unit is genuinely no longer needed at all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Public interest in sexuality of MPs

From Mr R. Temple

Sir. The media has every right to disclose and discuss an MPs sexual orientation (reports and leading article, November 9) so long as Parliament continues to decide such matters as the age of homosexual consent, rather than allow a referendum on the ESSUE.

A homosexual MP who pretends to be heterosexual is defrauding his constituency voters by not declaring his true views and status. Not to declare sexual orientation is no different to not declaring certain business interests.

Yours faithfully, R. TEMPLE. 3 Bramble Lane. Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 ISY. November 9.

From Mr.A. John Corbett

Sir, It is useless for poliocians to protest that their private lives do not affect the discharge of their duties. That is not for them or their political colleagues and friends to decide. Only the voters have the right to decide whether they wish to entrust a person with the responsibilities of represent-ing them, after they have been presented with the full facts.

If the homosexual lobbies and "liberals" are so confident that the public is now so tolerant (or perhaps desensitised) that it would have accepted the sexual orientations of Messrs Ron Davies and Nick Brown. there could be no objection to such disclosures, before an election.

Yours faithfully. A. J. CORBETT. Islares, Long Lane, Hermitage,

Thatcham, Berkshire RGI8 9OT. November 9.

Mandelson edict

From the Controller of Editorial Policy, BBC

Sir, Mr Peter Ainsworth, MP (letter, November 5), asks why it was thought uniquely necessary (for the BBC) to apply a code of silence to an individual Cabinet minister?

It was not. The BBC's position on this is clear; it has been so for many years and applies to everyone. We will not discuss or report the private lives of individuals unless broader public issues are raised, as they were with the resignation of Ron Davies. The BBC's Producer Guidelines go on to state that:

The mere fact that private behaviour is "in the public domain" (ie, that someone else has reported it) is not in itself sufficient to justify the BBC reporting it too. Last week two contributors to BBC

programmes began to discuss the private life of an individual without there being any public interest in-volved. That was why we drew attention to the BBC's longstanding policy. We have done so in the past and, should a similar situation arise in the future, we would do so again.

Nor is it "hadicrous", as Mr

Ainsworth suggests, to request a contributor to discuss the controversy caused by our memorandum while maintaining the principle it em-braced. BBC bulletins have been doing so since the day the story broke.

Judgments about the "public interest" are not easy, but they are made by the BBC's journalists every day. Freedom of expression has to be balanced by respect for the right of an individual to privacy.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP HARDING. Controller, Editorial Policy, British Broadcasting Corporation, Broadcasting House, Portland Place, WIA IAA. November 5.

'Wicked' chocolate From the Director of the Biscuit,

Cake, Chocolate and Confectionery

Sir. In her article "Wicked Temptation" (Creme de la Creme, November 4). Katherine Bergen describes some of the main ingredients in "commercial chocolate bars" as " . . . saturated vegetable fat and powdered milk". This is incorrect. Most milk chocolate manufacturers in the UK use fresh liquid milk in their products. The small quantity of vegetable fats, which are added to the cocoa butter and enable manufacturers to produce special textures and properties, are actually tropical oils with the same nutritional and chemical characteristics as cocoa butter.

In my view, chocolate is not addictive. It is also less likely to cause tooth decay (especially the very milky chocolate that is so popular in Britain) than many other foods that are deemed to be safe for teeth, such as bananas and raisins.

Yours sincerely, JOHN NEWMAN, Director, The Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate and Confectionery Alliance, 37-41 Bedford Row, WCIR 4JH. November 6.

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Homebuyers may not be helped by vendor surveys

From Mr Raymond Durrant

Sir, The Government's proposal that houses and flats should be offered for sale with structural surveys carried out before the property is offered in the market (report, November 5) is superficially attractive but fundamen-

Virtually any property can be damaged quite seriously by stormy weather, fire or even a plumbing leak neglected over a period of a few days, and significant settlement and movement of the main structure of a building can occur without prior warning. It would be a brave and possibly foolhardy solicitor who recommended a prospective purchaser to rely on an out-of-date report prepared by a surveyor of the vendor's choos-

Yours faithfully, RAYMOND DURRANT (Chartered surveyor). 195 Marshalswick Lane, St Albans, Hertfordshire ALt 4XA. November 5.

From Professor Emeritus Leslie Collier

Sir. The convoluted and expensive methods now being suggested to avoid gazumping would be quite unnecessary under the French sys-

The prospective buyer carries out the requisite surveys and searches; when satisfied, both buyer and seller sign a preliminary contract specifying the sale price and other essential details. Neither can withdraw from this for any reason without forfeiting 10 per cent of the purchase price to the other party. The definitive contract is signed when all other formalities have been completed.

It seems to me that the figure of 10

per cent is well chosen, being sufficiently high to act as a real deterrent against capricious withdrawal and low enough not to be ruinous if one or the other party has to cancel for unforeseen reasons.

Yours faithfully, LESUIE COLLIER 8 Peto Place, NW1 4DT. November 6.

From Mr Keith Parkinson

providing a survey and results of searches lies in the fact that the seller can later accept another offer (using the same survey and searches) and that prospective buyers frequently walk away from deals having spent little money but having wasted time. Sometimes, in a fast-rising market, what may be interpreted as eazump-ing could equally well be interpreted as an upward price adjustment to reflect a buyer's failure to sign a contract within a reasonable time, perhaps while re-establishing a broken chain. There has to be some forfeitable financial commitment from both parties.

Sir, The inherent problem in the seller

Yours sincerely. KEITH PARKINSON, Flat 30, Monmouth Close, W4 2LJ. November 5.

From Mr John Ratcliffe

Sir, I cannot see why sellers paying for home surveys will prevent gazump-ing; but hopefully it would end the irritating problem of more than one survey having to be paid for to satisfy different potendal lenders. So often an expensive survey or valuation is deemed useless by a bank or building society, which insists upon its own

possible to the one you work for.

Yours faithfully,

November 5.

RICHARD WILSON,

small-business sector.

at a local level.

be applied to the UK.

DYLAN JONÉS-EVANS

Yours faithfully.

If you work for a company produc-

ing suntan lotion, invest in a company

producing thermal underwear, say,

and you should win whatever the

35 Cramer Street, Stafford ST17 4BX.

From Professor Dylan Jones-Evans

Sir, Whilst commentators have been

examining the macroeconomic effects

of the Chancellor's pre-Budget state-

ment, the continued reform in small

business policy has been largely

ignored. Building on the previous two

Budgets, Gordon Brown has, yet

again, continued to lay the foundation

for growth that is based on the

development of a strong indigenous

The future of any industrial nation

depends essentially on the health of its

small-firm sector, particularly the productivity and efficiency of the

businesses which make it up. The

increased reform of the way that

government deals with small firms

(particularly in encouraging innova-tion) will, in the long run, have an

enormous influence on the way that

these businesses operate, particularly

key to competitiveness in an increas-

ing global marketplace, and I congrat-

ulate Mr Brown on taking the first

step in ensuring that the term

"entrepreneurial society" can finally

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November 4.

Innovation and productivity are the

The people who will lose out will be the cash buyers who don't need to pay a professional to tick a box to tell them what they can see themselves.

Yours faithfully, JOHN RATCLIFFE, Paddock Hall. The Street, Monks Eleigh, Ipswich IP7 7AU. November 5.

From the Chief Executive of the Architecture and Surveying Institute

Sir, Two years ago, following lengthy consultation between the nine major surveying bodies, the Construction Industry Council published a docu-ment entitled Definitions of Inspections and Surveys of Buildings which clearly defines and differennares between the various types of survey that can be commissioned. It was produced in the hope that building society surveyors would not carry out inspections and then call for a "structural survey" when, as is fre-quently the case, that was not what was required.

Yours faithfully. IAN N. NORRIS. Chief Executive, Architecture & Surveying Institute, St Mary House, 15 St Mary Street, Chippenham, Wiltshire SNI5 3WD. asinst@aol.com

From Sir Nicholas Couper

Sir, Giving estate agents and home-owners the responsibility of providing a "seller's pack" to include a valuation and a survey is like putting the sharks in charge of the aquarium.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS COUPER, 79 Devonshire Road, W4 2HU. November 5.

Business schemes and Brown's plans

From Mr D. H. Drew

Sir, You report (November 4) that the Government wants more employee share-ownership schemes. The thinking behind all these schemes is that the employee, as a part owner of the company, allies himself more closely with his company and that through his hard work and good management he can increase the value of his shares, thus accumulating some taxfree capital.

Until October 1992, I was the financial director of a medium-sized and successful company quoted on the unlisted securities market. The company introduced such a scheme for about 10 per cent of its employees - the ones whom the directors considered could make a direct effect on the company's balance sheet strength and on its trading profit.

Our experience was that the value of the shares was affected too much by events over which the company's employees had no control. Consequently, the scheme encouraged cynicism and, at one point, after the shares had fallen in value by some 40 per cent because the stock market as a whole was falling, the employees

regarded it as an irrelevance. I consider that share-ownership schemes do not work and that profit-sharing schemes come nearer to achieving what we all want for a company's employees.

Yours faithfully, DAN H. DREW. Lower Poswick, Whitbourne, Worcester WR6 5SS.

From Mr R. Wilson

Sir, I was taught that to invest in your employer's shares is a bad policy because, if the company performs badly, not only may you lose your job but your investment will at the same time lose much of its value. Better to invest in a company whose products

meet as complementary a market as

Aid to Afghanistan .

From Mr Quentin Goggs

Sir, Neither your leading article of October 30, "Victims of politics", nor Michael Dynes's report (same day) on undertake not to replace them.

Unless the organisation was run by

the decision by Brussels to cut off aid to Afghanistan mendoned the fact that, following President Clinton's bombing of Khost (report, August 21), our own Foreign Office threatened to cut off any Department for International Development grants to chari-ties which did not immediately remove all their expatriate workers and

Afghans themselves, this had much the same effect as the attitude of Brussels. Projects were simply put on hold. The bomb which appears to have had so small an effect on the

ground against bin Laden has certainly caused harm to a great many poor people within Afghanistan who know nothing of him.

However, both the Halo Trust and the Christian Aid project in Herat, originally financed and driven by a former member of Halo and dividing its efforts between helping women and the relief of mine victims, have continued in full operation throughout the crisis.

They expect to go on doing so, despite the efforts of Brussels, President Clinton and the Foreign Office. Both put the people they are trying to help first.

Yours sincerely, QUENTIN GOGGS. Easterton Manor. Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 4NX. October 30.

Under surveillance

From Mr Anthony G. Phillips

Sir, Your brief report (November 3) of a train driver caught on film playing a fruit machine while officially on duty. typifies the extent to which we are under surveillance, often without our knowledge.

Most city centres, motorways, banks and building societies have carneras trained on you. Even in private homes, nannies may be secretly filmed. I have read recently about "intelligent" cameras which can distinguish facial features and may be

used in conjunction with databank photographs to track known criminals, subversives and others (report, Sunday Times, November I).

Telephone tapping requires authorisation, yet the use, and possible misuse, of cameras in public places proceeds largely unnoticed. Even George Orwell might have been surprised.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY G. PHILLIPS. 32 Upper Street, Salisbury. Wiltshire SP2 8LY. November 4.

Emperor's new clothes

From Mr Brian Conneller

Sir, I see you are promoting Frederick Hohenstaufen as a goodie (report, November 3; see also letter, November 4) largely on the rather shaky theory that anyone who quarrels with the Pope must necessarily be one. You report that he was loved by his subjects. Runciman, on the contrary, thinks him "unlikeable, cruel, selfish

and sly". Because he quarrelled with the Pope, you suggest the latter may have murdered him. May I timidly suggest as possible alternative suspects, if murdered he was, the parents of the two babies he is said to have kept isolated from human contact for years in a cell, in a controlled experiment to discover whether human speech was natural or acquired? Or maybe a disgruntled member of his large harem?

Yours sincerely. BRIAN CONNELLER. 22 St Mary's Road, W5 5ES. November 4.

From Dr David Abulafia

Sir. Frederick fl of Hohenstaufen was indeed small and ugly, as you report. The Muslim custodians of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem described him in his thirties as red-faced. balding and short-sighted; he would have been worth only 200 pence

(dirhams) in the slave market. By contrast, his near contemporary, King Edward I of England, was 6ft 2in tall.

Yours sincerely. DAVID ABULAFIA (Author, Frederick II: a Medieval Emperor, Pimlico, 1992). Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge CB2 iTA. November 4.

Getting in line

From Mr G. A. McKenzie

Sir. I think that Mr John Maher (letter, November 6) is right: queueing was abominated in England unoi comparatively recent times.

I remember, as a schoolboy in the later 1930s in what is now part of South London, that people waiting for a bus would stand around in the general vicinity of the bus stop sign. They would not stand close to strangers and would affect a certain nonchalance. However, everyone had taken note of those arriving later and, when the bus arrived, sharp tongues were sufficient to correct anyone

attempting to board out of turn. I think that the unEnglish (unBritish?) queue is a legacy of the Second World War and yet another symptom of moral decline.

Yours faithfully. G. A. McKENZIE, Junipers, Telconia Close, Headley Down, Hampshire GU35 8ED. November 6.

Worth a flutter?

From Mr John W. Holladay

Sir, I too am in my sixties and suffer from a weakening heart (report. "Loren admits heart problem", October 29) so please, no more photographs of Ms Sophia Loren, no matter how small.

Yours failingly.
JOHN W. HOLLADAY, Middlepiece Cottage, The Street, Bessingham, Norfolk NRII 7JR.

Forthcoming

marriages

Mr N.K. Lawrence and Miss N.C. Bussy

Fleet. Hamoshire. Captain W.J.M. Pike

and Miss A.J. Thomas

of Aldbourne, Wiltshire.

Mr P.A. Troughton and Miss J. Fetherstonhaugh

The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs

David Lawrence, of Headley, Hampshire, and Nicola, daughter

of Mr and Mrs Andrew Bussy, of

The engagement is announced between William, son of Lieuten-ant General Sir Hew and Lady

Pike, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Thomas.

The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of the late Mr

John Troughton and of Mrs William Ballard, of Clifton-upon-

Dunsmore, Rugby and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy

Fetherstonhaugh, of Kirkoswald

Deighton, North Yorkshire, and Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Clark, of Cross Hills, North Yorkshire.

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 7, at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, of Mr Simon

Davy, son of Mr and Mrs Christo-

pher Davy, of Cheriton Fitzpaine, Devon, to Miss Louise Andrews,

eldest daughter of Mr Christopher

Andrews, of St Albans, Hertford-

shire, and Mrs Sarah Andrews, of

London, Canon John Oates officiat-

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Polly Andrews

and Miss Victoria Andrews. Mr

Simon Mays-Smith was best man.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 9: The Queen, Patron, and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended the Royal Film Performance of The Parent Trap in aid of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square, Lon-

Her Majesty was represented by Brigadier John Smales (Aide-de-Camp to The Queen) at the Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of General Sir Keimeth Darling (formerly Aide-de-Camp General) which was held in St. Mary's Church, Chesterton, Bioester, Oxfordshire, today.

ST JAMES'S PALACE The Prince of Wales this morning visited Skopje Stock Exchange, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Mac-

His Royal Highness later met beneficiaries of Know-How Fund supported micro-credit schemes at the Continental Hotel, Skopje. The Prince of Wales subsequent-ly attended a Reception given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Mac-edonia (His Excellency Mr Mark Dickinson) at the Continental Ho-

His Royal Highness this after-

Institute, Skopje.
The Prince of Wales later arrived at Royal Air Force Lyncham from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Mendanian lic of Macedonia. Mr Nicholas Archer, Miss

Sandy Henney and Lieutenant Commander John Lavery RN were **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

November 9: The Duke of York, Patron, this evening attended a Dinner at the Mansion House, City of London, for the Tenth Anniversary of Weston Spirit. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 9: The Princess Royal.

Patron. College of Occupational Therapists, this afternoon attended the Working Overseas in Developing Counties — the Issues and Opportunities Conference in Bor-

Today's royal

engagements

Funeral service

The Princess Royal, patron, the Basic Skills Agency, will attend their annual conference at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at 10,30; as Chancellor, London University, will open St George's Clinical Vaccine Institute at St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, Tooting, at 3.15; will open the new Dental and Day Surgery building, Blackshaw Road, London SW17, at 2.00; and as Colonel-in-Chief. The King's Royal Hussars, will attend their 1998 Officers' dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club at 7.45. Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal

The Duke of Glovcester will attend a reception and concert for the London Youth Trust at the Spanish Embassy. 24 Belgrave Square, London SWI, at 6.50.

Army Nursing Corps, will visit 256 (City of London) Field Hospital (Volunteers), 71 Braganza Street,

Walworth, London SE17, at 7.00.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Dr B. Lang, Chief Executive of the British Library, was the speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Group of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Her Royal Highness, Chancel-lor, afterwards visited the Universi-ty of London Computer Centre, Guilford Street, Bloomsbury, Lon-

The Princess Royal, Patron, the Home Farm Trust, later attended the Way Forward Reception at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mail, London.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Development Trust (for the Mentally Handicapped) this evening attended a Dinner at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE November 9: The Duke of Glouces ter, Commodore, Royal Ulster Yacht Club, this afternoon attended a Lunch with the Club Officers at the Royal Thanes Yacht Club, Knightsbridge, London.

ST JAMESS PALACE November 9:The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman, British Overseas-Trade Board, this morning visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, Jerusalem, Israel, and laid a

His Royal Highness later called upon The President of the State of

The Duke of Kent afterwards called upon the Minister of Fi-nance (Professor Ya'acov Neeman). His Royal Highness this after-noon attended a Lunch given by Mr Dov Mishor (Director General, Ministry of Industry and Trade) at the Radisson Moriah Hotel,

His Royal Highness was repre-semed by Brigadier David Biggart at the Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of General Sir Kenneth Darling (formerly Aide-de-Camp General) which was held in St Mary's fordshire, today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK November 9: Princess Alexandra this evening attended a Chopin Society Gala Concert at Guildhall, City of London, to commemorate the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the last public appearance of Chopin and the Hillieth Anniversary of Marie Corie Cancer Care.

General Sir Kenneth Darling The Queen was represented by Brigadier John Smales at the funeral and service of thanksgiv-Kenneth Darling, held yesterday at St Mary's, Chesterton, Oxfordat of triany's, Chesterion, Ordershire. The Duke of Kent was represented by Brigadier David Biggart, Colonel of The Royal Regiment of Pusiliers.

The Rev Derek Walker, Rector of the Akeman Benefice, officiated, assisted by Prebendary Robert Cheadle. Major Rupert Alers-Hankey, great nephew, and Miss Caroline Darling, niece, gave readings. Mr Charles Mortimer, neph-ew, read the prayer of Sir Francis

Brigadier James Hill and Colonel Henry Cadogan, representing The Royal Welch Pusiliers, gave addresses. Among others present were:

Mrs Douglas Darling and Mrs Roger Mortimer (sisters in law). Mr Michael Darling, Mrs Robin Alers-Hankey, Mrs Rupert Alers-Hankey, Captain Dominic Alers-Hankey, Mrs Torday, Mr Piers Torday, Mrs Carew, Mrs Cynthia Darling, Lord and Lady Pender, the Hon Robin Denison-Pender, Sir Robin and Lady Dent, Mr

The Order of the British Empire was represented by General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley.

Sheriff's reception

High Sheriff of Greater

London
The High Sheriff of Greater
London and Mrs John Gough gave a Reception for the Judiciary of Greater London at Fishmongers' Hall, London Bridge, London EC4, yesterday evening. Among those

day evening. Among those present were:
The Lord Cutef Justice and Lady Bingham of Corntill. Lord and Lady Bingham of Corntill. Lord and Lady Bingham of Corntill. Lord and Lady Newme-Wilkinson. Lord and Lady No. Lord and Lady Lloyd of Berwick. Lord Wigoder, QC. and Lady Wigoder, Lord and Lady Rosel, Lord States of the Rolls and Lady Woolf, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown. Lord Justice and Lady Rosel, Lord Justice and Lady Brown. Lord Justice and Lady Brown. Lord Justice and Lady Brown. Six Dustice and Lady Morison. Mr Justice and Lady Brown. Six Nicholes Ligel. QC. MP. Six Manthew Farrer. GCVO. Six John and Lady Wood. Röward Garmier, QC. MP, the Recorder of London and Mrs Nyam. the Common Serjeans of London and Adys Am. Guntow, QC. Judge Pownall, QC. and Mrs. Curnow, QC. Judge Pownall, QC. and Mrs.

Christening

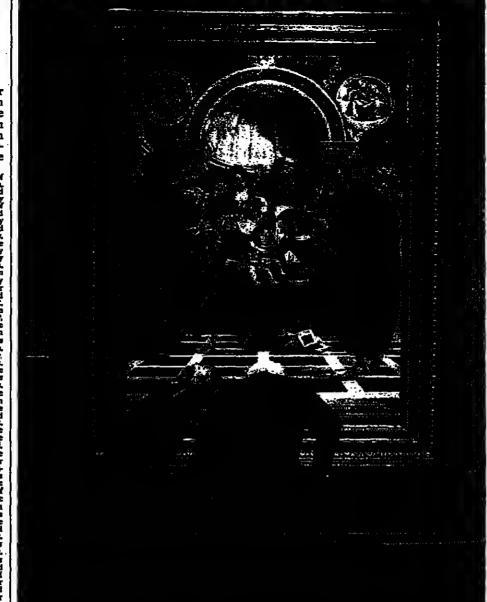
The infant son of Captain and Mrs Jamie Newall was christened Har-y Ridsdale by the Rev Gerald Beauchamp at St Mary The Boltons on November 7, 1998. The godparents are: Captain Charles Clifton, the Hon Edward Harris, Maier Steephen Major Stephen Manshridge, the Hon Henry Stewart, Mrs Jamie de Broe-Ferguson, Miss Lucy Ford, Miss Lucy Hicks-Beach and the Hon Lydia Stewart.

Dinners

Mr Patrick Brenan was a speakers at a talk dinner held last night at The Athenacum. Mr Michael Fowle was in the chair.

Cardiff Business Club The President of Cardiff Business Club. Mr C.N.D. Cole, was present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was Sir Antony Acland, Provost Eton College. Mr John Cory presided.

Legal appointment Mr Charles James Bowring Kemp Mr Andrew Gordon McDowali Robin Ashburner. and Mr Michael Paul Yelton to be Circuit Judges on the South East-



A painting by the Italian artist Luca Signorelli, 1441-1523, entitled *The Circumcision*, from Signorelli in British Collections, which opened yesterday at the National Gallery. The exhibition is the first public showing of his works for 45 years

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Martin Luther, Protestant reformer, Eisleben, Germany 1483; Paracelsus, physician, Einsiedeln, Switzerland, 1493; King George II, reigned 1727-60, Herrenhausen, Germany, 1683; William Hogarth. painter and engraver, London, 1697; Oliver Goldsmith, writer, Kilkenny West. Co Westmeath, 1730; Johann Christoph Friedrich Schiller, dramatist and poet, Marbach, Ger-

many, 1759; Sir Jacob Epstein, sculptor, New York, 1880; Moise Tshombe, Prime Minister of Congo 1964-65, 1919: Richard Burton, actor, Pontrhydfen, 1925. DEATHS: Richard Chancel-

lor, navigator and trader. Pitsligo Bay, Aberdeenshire, 1556; Catherine II. the Great. Empress of Russia 1762-96, St Petersburg, 1796; Gideon Martell, geologist, London, 1852 Arthur Rimbaud, poet, Mar-seilles, 1891; Kemal Ataturk, founder and 1st President of Turkey (1923-38), 1938; Lupino Lane, musichall performer, 1959; Abel Gance, film director. Paris, 1981; Leonid Brezhnev, President of the Soviet Union 1977-82, Moscow, 1982; Sir Gordon Richards, jockey, Kintbury, Berkshire, 1986. The US Marine Corps was founded, 1775.

Henry Morton Stanley met Dr Livingstone at Ujiji, Tanganyi-ka (Tanzania), 1871. Hirohito was crowned Emperor of Japan, 1928.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Roger Anders, NSM, New Mills (Derby), to be NSM, Adderley, Ash, Calverh-all, L Ightfield and Moreton Say (Lichfield). The Rev Dilly Baker, parttime Team Vicar, Stantonbury

and Willen (Oxford), to be full-time Team Vicar, same benefice. The Rev Brian Barnes, Rector, Staplehurst (Canterbury), to continue as Rural Dean of

West Charing (same diocese). The Rev Robert Clifton, Priest-in-Charge, Orford with Sud-bourne, Chillesford, Butley and Iken, and Rural Dean of Woodbridge (St Edmunds-bury & Ipswich), to be also Priest-in-Charge, Tunstall and The Rev Dick Cotton, Vicar,

Herne Bay Christ Church (Canterbury), to continue as Rural Dean of Reculver (same diocese). The Rev Brian Duckett, Team Rector, Swindon Dorcan, and Rural Dean of Highworth (Bristol), has been appointed Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral (same diocese).

The Rev Tony Fowler, Priestin- Charge, Combs (St Ed-mundsbury & Ipswich), to be Priest-in-Charge, Little Finborough (same diocese). The Rev Jan Fowler, part-time

Assistant Chaplain, Ipswich

Hospital, and NSM. Combs (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich), to be NSM, Little Finborough (same diocese).

The Rev David Gardner, Team Vicar, Mildenhall (St L Edmundsbury & Ipswich), to be Priest-in-Charge, Woodbridge St John the Evangelist (same diocese).

The Rev John Hall, Vicar, Rocester and Croxden with Hollington, and Rural Dean of Uttoxeter (Lichfield), to be Archdeacon of Salop, and Vicar, Tong, and Priest-in-Charge, Donington, and Hon-orary Canon of Lichfield Cathedral (same diocese).

The Rev Peter Hammersley, Development Officer, St Peter's Saltley Trust, to be also nant-time Cha Grange prison (Worcester). The Rev Anthony Hindley, Vicar, South Malling St Michael (Chichester), to be Rector, Wainford (St Ed-

mundsbury & Ipswich). The Rev Adrian Leighton, Rector, Holbrook, Freston, Woolverstone and Wherstead (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich), to be Priest-in-Charge, Woore and Norton in Hales (Lichfield)

The Rev David Lingwood, Vicar, Rushall (Lichfield), to be also Rural Dean of Waisall

and Ms R.A. Bomford The engagement is aumounced between Robert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Sammy Mendick, of Cheadle, Cheshire, and Rehecca, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Bornford, of Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex. Mr J.D. Wade and Miss V.M. Clark The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Wade, of Kirk

Marriage Mr S.G. Davy and Miss L.M. Andrews

and Miss D. Rogerson

The engagement is announced between Guido, younger son of Mr and Mis Frans Serrien, of Antwerp, and Debbie, younger daughter of the Right Revd and Miss Barry Rogerson, of Bristol. The marriage will take place on April 16, 1000 in Beautschange. Mr W.P.F. Shorten

Mr G.T.G. Collier

and Miss M.E. Toruner

MrT.D.I. Marshall

and Miss S.K. Ellis

Mr R.J. Mendick

Dr G. Serrien

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Thomas Grey. son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Collier.

of Merriott, Somerset, and Muge Elif, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Bastug Torüner, of Ankara.

The engagement is announced between Tom, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Marshall, of East Brabourne, Kent, and Sarah, second daughter of Mr and Mrs

David Ellis, of Newmarket, Suf-

and Miss J.R. Scrivener The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Shorten, of Brill, Buckinghamshire, and Julie, only daughter of Mr Michael Scrivener, of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and Mrs Pippa Scrivener, of Felix-stowe, Suffolk.

Mr J.A.F. Thom and Miss E.J.C. Mardall The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr James Thom, of Lower Ufford. Suffolk, and the late Mrs Thom. and Elisabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Chesney Mardall, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Crowds of fieldfares are coming into Britain from Scandina-

via. They are large thrushes with a grey head, a rich orange-brown back, and a

distinctive grey rump, and they make loud chuckling

cries in the treetops and the

air. A few pairs may stay to

nest in Scotland but the rest

will fly back across the North

Siskins are coming down from Scotland to the South of

England. They are small,

restless, green finches with

gold bands on their wings.

They feed in flocks on birch

catkins and alder seeds, often

hanging upside down. On

mild mornings, there is an

occasional burst of song in

gardens from great tits, and at dusk blackbirds set up a noisy.

chinking chorus before they go

Many beech trees are still

beautifully dappled with or-

stand out among the autumn

foliage. Pink leaves are tum

bling down from the field

maples. Most lime trees are

now bare, revealing their

turned-down, narrow branch-

Black bryony berries dangle

in bright red swaths from

fences and hedges. Some

tough bristly ox-tongue flow-

ers are still in bloom among

their prickly, warty leaves,

and in damp places even a few

buttercups can still be found

in flower.

to roost in the bushes.

Nature

Sea in spring.

notes

Birthdays today

Sir Peter Baldwin, former civil servant, 76; Mr Robert Carrier, cookery writer and broadcaster, 75; Mr Roger Farrance, former chief executive, Electricity Association, 65; Mr David Flood, organist, Canterbury Cathedral, 43; Mr Michael Hinton, former Sheriff of the City of London, 64; Mr J. Lawrence, Governor, Dartmoor prison, 48: Sir Giles Loder, a vice-president, Royal Horticultural Society, 84; the Right Rev Law-Brechin and Primus of the Enisonpal Church in Scotland, 74: the Earl of Radnor, 71; Sir Tim Rice, lyricist and broadcaster, 54; Professor Elizabeth Robson, geneticist, 70; Viscount Runciman of Dox-ford, FBA, 64: Sir William Ryrie, former civil servant, 70; Mr Roy Scheider, actor, 63; Mr Madron Seligman, former MEP, 80: Sir David Serpell, former civil serv-ant, 87; Sir Alfred Sherman, co-founder, Centre for Policy Studies, 79; Mrs Ann Spokes Symonds, patron, Age Concern England, 73; Lady Toulson, chairman, WRVS,

Carmen's Company

The following have been installed as officers of the Carmen's Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr J.A.T. Saywell: Senior Warden, Mr J.M. Silbermann, Junior Warden, Mr B.H. Owen.

Luncheon Rotary Club of London

Mr John Buchanan, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Portman Hotel, Mr Stephen Smith, Director of Beth Shalom, was the speaker.

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RDSE: On November 6th at Howard Court in Brampton, ar Carlisle, Dr John Rose M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. Formariy of Sandwich, Kent and Aspatria, Cambria, Died pescefully in his 58th year, sadly missed by Janbel, family and friends. Service and cremation on Wednesday 11th November, Enquiries to Lasbel, Hodgson, Howard Court, Brampton, Carlisle.

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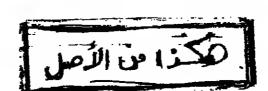
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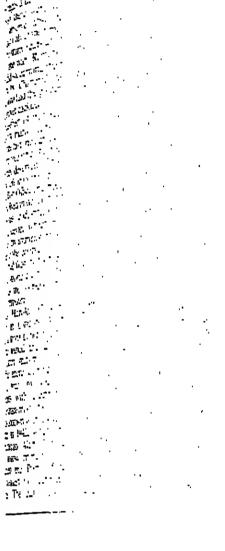
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OBITUARIES

TOMMY FLOWERS

Tammy Flowers, MBE, engineer, died on October 28 aged 92. He was born on December 22, 1905,

ommy Flowers played a crucial role in the wartime codebreaking operations at Bletchley Park. Without those operations, as is now well known, the German U-boats might have won the Battle of the Atlantic, Rommel might have conquered Egypt, and the D-Day landings would have had to be postponed. The work done at Bletchley may not in itself have won the war. but it undoubtedly made it shorter, perhaps by two years or more.

At the peak of Blerchley Park's activity, the ugly Victorian mansion and its surrounding complex of huts were home to some 8,000 people, working round-the-clock shifts and processing German ci-pher traffic at the rate of some 10,000 messages a day. Those who worked there were required to observe absolute secrecy - not only at the rime, but for some thirty years after the end of the war. Remarkably, they did so earning their description by Churchill as "the geese who laid the golden eggs, and never cackled".

One side-effect of that secrecy was for many years to prevent some historic achievements from receiving the recognition they deserved. Flowers's work fell into this category. As a Post Office engineer he was involved in developing the Colossus code-breaking machine, a device which not only made an immeasurable difference to the course of the Second World War, but which also has a strong claim to be regarded as the world's first working computer.

Thomas Harold Flowers was born in London. After graduating from London University he joined the Dollis Hill research station of the Post Office: there, during the 1930s, he was involved in experiments with electronic telephone transmissions.

His association with Bletchley began in 1942, when the mathematician Alan Turing and his fellow cryptanalysts approached the Post Office with a request for technical assistance. The early code-

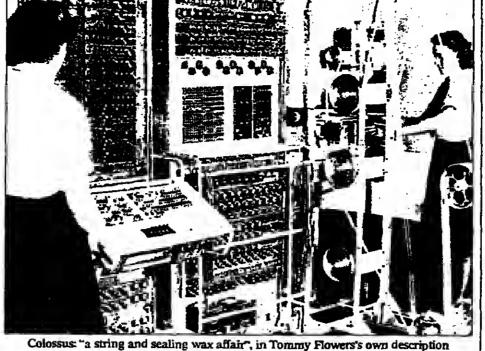


pects of the process could usefully be mechanised. His thinking led to the refinement of an electromechanical device pioneered by the Poles and known as a "bombe". which was used to try out possible solutions of ciphers generated by the German Enigma machines. The Colossus, on which

Flowers was to work, was a vastly more complex device, designed to crack a vastly more complex code. By decrypting the Germans' Enigma-encoded Morse transmissions, the Bleichley team secured vital information on the everyday movements of the German Armed Forces. For intelligence at a higher level it was necessary to penetrate the Germans' non-Morse communications, and to crack their teleprinter codes. Transmitted at high speed on a machine called the Lorenz SZ, using a 32-letter alphabet called Baudot, this intelligence came to be known at Bletchley as "Fish". Fish posed a formidable

Enigma machine, with its three flater four or even fivel wheels, was capable of some 159 trillion possible combinations. The Fish machine had ten or 12 wheels, on the circumference of which were hundreds of metal lugs or tags which could each be turned on or off; operators could change not only the wheels but also the settings of the lugs: to get at the number of combinations possible on Fish, it would be necessary to multiply the Enigma figure "by 26 to the power of nine", according to one of the Cambridge academics work-

challenge. The typewriter-like



ing at Bletchley at the time. Fish intelligence was being laboriously tackled by hand until the interception in August 1941 of a long message sent twice on the same setting enabled the mathematician Bill Tutte to fathom the workings of the Lorenz machine. From then on the task of deciphering Fish lell to two sections at Bletchley: the "Testery" under the linguist Ralph Tester, and the "Newmanry", under the Cambridge mathematician Max Newman (later Professor of Mathematics ut Manchester]. It was Newman, charged with automating the decryption process, who, at Turing's suggestion, consulted

The first machine devised to tackle Fish was a 24-valve affair called the "Heath Robinson". used in combination with a switchboard-like device called the "Tunny". Messages were run through the machine in the form of a pattern of holes punched in tape. Flowers drew on his Post Office engineering expertise to translate the Bletchley mathematicians' concepts into an improved machine. His great breakthrough was to see that an electronic signal within the machine could be used to replicate the code pattern, which could then be read by optical sensors, thereby dispensing with the tape.

As a result, the Heath Robinson was replaced by the first Colossus machine, with 1,500 valves, constructed at Dollis Hill and transported to Bletchley at the end of 1943. The size of a small room, and weighing around a ton, even this. Flowers later said, was "a string and sealing wax affair -it literally had string to drive the pulleys". Nevertheless, it could do in hours what might otherwise have taken weeks.

According to Sir Harry Hinsley, Bletchley cryptanalyst and historian, it was in the preparations for D-Day that Colossus proved most valuable; once the Germans' top-security Geheimschreiber ("secret writer") code-system had been broken, it was possible to track in detail the communications between Hitler and his field commanders. A 2,400-valve Colossus Mark Il was ready in time for D-Day itself.

By the end of the war a total of II machines were in operation. All but one were destroyed on Churchill's orders, smashed into pieces "no bigger than the human hand". the last being moved to GCHQ at Cheltenham, where it is thought to have remained in operation until 1958.

Lacking an effective memory and with no stored program, the Colossus was not quite what is understood by a computer today, and the binary logic of its ton of machinery could now be handled by the tiniest microchip. Nevertheless, its development deci-sively predated that of another main contender for the otle of the first modern working computer, the more sophisticated ENIAC machine designed at the University of Pennsylvania in April 1944. A working replica of the Colossus has since been built by the computer historian Tony Sales, and is now housed at

Bletchley Park.

Appointed MBE for his crei work, Flowers returned to the Post Office after the war. As head of the switching group at Dollis Hill he invented an electronic switching system which was the forerunner of the STD telephone system. He said nothing about his wartime activities for many years, not even to his family, but his role was gradually revealed in the 1970s. His life's work was acknowledged by the award of the Post Office's first Martlesham Medal in 1980. He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Newcastle in 1977.

He is survived by his wife Kate and by two sons.

JEAN MARAIS

Jean Marais, French actor, died on November 8 aged 84. He was born Jean Villian-Marais in Cherbourg on December 11, 1913.

rench cinema of the - 1940s would have been quite different without Jean Marais' virile presence and sturdy face. L'Eternel Retour (1943), an updated variation on the Tristan and Iseuit legend written by his friend and mentor Jean Cocteau, first pitchforked him to huge popularity, though he had been playing small film roles for a decade. The French public feasted on this austere story of thwarted love triumphant in death. People wrote in droves to ask for details of the pullover that Marais wore - a V-necked creation with a faintly medieval stitch. For ten years afterwards, no other male French star could approach his pull at the box office.

Jean Marais' physique naturally suited him to historical or mythical subjects. For Cocteau, most memorably, he portrayed the poet hero penetrating the netherworld in Orphee (1949), a richly poetic modernisation of the Greek myth. He was equally impressive as the tortured, lovestricken Beast in La Belle et la bēte (1945), marvellously dressed in an elaborate costume by Christian Berard. For Christian-Jaque, he played Don José in Carmen (1943); in Ruy Blas (1947), adapted by Cocteau from Victor Hugo's play about 17th-century Spain, he scaled walls and swung from chandeliers.

Yet, whatever their period, his films always struck a contemporary nerve. Marais himself commented; "I helieve that my physical appearance when I was young myster-iously answered the vague and fugitive taste of an era and fixed it, crystallised it for a time." Battered by defeat and the hardships of the Nazi occupation, French audiences and film-makers alike longed to escape reality; for these flights of fantasy, Marais proved the perfect companion. Marais would later tell interviewers, "I owe Cocteau everything". After discovering him in Charles Dullin's 1937

production of Oedipe, Cocteau

immediately took Marais under his wing. Five months later Marais was cast as Galahad in Cocteau's play Les Chevaliers de la sable ronde. When Marais strode onto the stage, tore open his tunic and displayed his bare breast, all Paris knew that a new force had entered Cocteau's life. The next year, Marais returned to the stage as the son smothered by his mother in Les Parents terribles (1938), Cocteau's study of a neurotic middle-class family, supposedly based on Ma-

better reviews than his acting. Yet Marais was far from a passive creature of Cocteau's fancy. He worked hard to

rais' home life. On this occa-

sion Marais' beauty earned



improve his skills: in the year that saw him star in another Cocteau play. La Machine d écrire (1941), he directed and designed Racine's Britannicus. The following year he spent a stormy period with the Comedie Française, and left without playing any leading roles: Marais and Cocteau suffered much adverse publicity for their open liaison during the sexually repressive Vichy regime. Marais subsequently fought in Alsace with the Free French Forces, winning the Croix de Guerre.

Cocteau relished the chance to help his friend to fulfil early dreams of movie stardom, and Marais in turn encouraged Cocteau to combat his opium addiction and return to the film career launched so flamboyantly in Le Sang d'un poète (1930). At its worst, Cocteau's infatu-

ation with Marais produced L'Aigle à deux têtes (staged in 1946, and filmed the following year), a Ruritanian romance which now prompts smiles, not least for the sight of its star in lederhosen. But in La Belle et la bête, especially, their instincts could not be faulted: this magical film is still perhaps cinema's best excursion into the world of fairytales. In 1948 the pair returned to Les Parents terribles, filmed in a powerfully claustrophobic version, shot almost entirely in a single room.

By the time of the next

venture. Orphée. Marais' place in Cocteau's life had been taken by Edouard Dermithe, who appears in the film as the rival poet Cegeste. But the two of them remained close. Cocteau wrote an affectionate biography of the actor in 1951, and Marais appeared briefly in Cocteau's last film, Le Testament d'Orphée (1959).

During the 1950s Marais became France's answer to Errol Flynn, rattling sabres, saving damsels, dukes and monarchs in critically despised but popular swashbucklers, in the 1960s, on Cocteau's advice, he adopted the role of Fantomas, the master criminal popular in silent serials.

He kept busy outside the cinema, painong, writing, acting, directing and designing for the stage. He returned to the Comedie Française for the 1951-52 season, this time playing successfully in Brittanique and Mithridate, though there was crideism of the strength of his voice. He also played Shakespeare, louring in King Lear during the late 1970s, and kept faith with Cocteau, reviving Oedipe and Les Parents terribles, though now he played the father's role. In 1978, when he was teamed with Lila Kedrova, the production came briefly to the Old Vic. it was Marais' London debut. By the 1970s, the swashbuck-

ling bubble had burst. Film work became scarce. Jacques Demy fruitfully cast him as a fairytale king in Peau d'ane (1970), but had less success in Parking (1985), a musical remake of Orphée, where Marais appeared as the Devil, presiding over a subterranean car park. It was a sad echo of a glorious past. Marais wrote three books,

Mes Quatre Vérités (1957). Histoires de ma vie (1975) and Contes (1978). He leaves an adopted son. Serge.

GERALD LONG

Gerald Loug, former Chief Executive of Reuters and later Managing Director of The Times, died in Paris on November 8 aged 75. He was born on August 22, 1923.

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hen Gerry Long became gener-al manager of Reuters, he said his aim was to be remembered as the "second founder" of the company, and in many ways he was. Others might have had the original ideas for new commercial services that began in the 1960s, but it was Long who encouraged his able young chief accountant. Nigel Judah, to find the money to finance these initiatives. When he became general manager in 1963. Reuters had a reputa-tion as a reliable, if somewhat old-fashioned, international news agency, and yet its revenues were so small that the company lived from year to year, barely breaking even. Indeed, in two of his early years as chief executive, 1964 and 1967, it showed a loss.

Its finance depended on subscriptions

for its news services plus often bitterly negotiated monetary assessments from its owners, the newspapers of Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Long put the finances on a firm footing and convinced the newspaper publishers who constituted the board that if Reuters was to have a future, it must borrow money. There were three non-executive chair-

men during Long's time as chief execurive. The first, John (later Sir John) Burgess, gave him support in his early years and helped him to convince the board that Reuters must go to the City. The second, Sir William Barnetson, was an ally during the innovaove years of financial news expansion, and the third, Sir Denis Hamilton of Times Newspapers, was there as the company moved towards the flotation which took place after Long had left. Few (and certainly none of these

chairmen) found him a comfortable person to work with, but then Long himself a Yorkshireman — would never have claimed that he was an easy man. He had immoveable opinions and was often bad-tempered. But he could also show great charm and humour, and had friends and admirers throughout the world. Many of his staff disliked him, though many did not express this view until after he had left. But, for all his faults, his success was achieved through two great virtues - the vision to see what was possible and the ability to choose the right people to achieve it. Of his ability to delegate he once said, with some truth: "That's the natural result of my laziness."

Long was born in York, the son of a well-read postman who encouraged his son's learning. He went from St Peter's. York, to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to study modern languages. After taking a first in Part I of the Tripos, he joined the Army in 1943. He was commissioned into the Intelligence Corps and ended up as a major in postwar Germany, where he was involved in the setting up of German newspapers.

Christopher Chancellor, the general manager of Reuters, invited the Cam-

bridge University Appointments Board to suggest candidates for a new graduate training scheme, and Long joined in July 1948. In December 1950 he was posted to Frankfurt, and ten months later he moved to Paris, working for Harold King, who was to be a lifelong friend and influence.

Long was tempted by an offer from Beaverbrook's Daily Express in 1953 but was persuaded not to go by Reuters' Editor-in-Chief Walton ("Tony") Cole, and was posted to Ankara as staff correspondent. He stayed there a year and then in 1955 became news editor in Paris. In 1956 he was appointed chief correspondent in Germany, and three years later was given responsibility for East and West Germany, Austria and the Russian satellites. In 1960 he returned to London as an assistant general manager and on, Cole's sudden death early in 1963, he was the youngest of the four internal candidates for the succession. As chairman, Burgess had been impressed by his intellect and

linguistic ability. The board agreed.

Long was determined that Reuters should become profitable and truly international. Much was old-fashioned and he set about modernising the handling of its finances and its staff. He was later to tell the board that "Reuters' central purpose is to achieve the highest standards of excellence in the provision of news services, and information and communications systems . . . and to maintain this purpose Reuters must be profitable."

Long decided that some of the senior staff were not up to his ambitions for the company. In their place he promoted two young men who had spent all their working lives in the economic service: Glen Renfrew, who was eventually to succeed him as chief executive, and Michael Nelson, later to be general manager. They played key roles in the progress towards profitability. In 1964, on Nelson's recommendation,

contract was signed with Ultronics Corporation of New Jersey. Reuters provided the information and Ultronics



the equipment for the desktop units called Stockmasters. The demand from business houses in Europe was enormous, and soon the system was making a profit for Reuters. These profits were healthy, but those from Reuter Monitor Money Rates and Monitor Dealing were to he im-mense. Under Long's leadership Reuters had become a major force in the provision of information to the world business community. Since the 19th century Reuters had had

a close working relationship with Associated Press, which provided the bulk of its news copy from the United States, and for many years Dow Jones had been the source of commercial information. But with the two agencies beginning to compete, it was clear that this relationship could not continue. In 1967 the break came, for Long had decided that Reuters must set up its own independent report-ing operation. It was a brave, risky but ultimately very successful move: some saw it as the most important contribution he made as chief executive.

By 1981 Long knew that he had stayed too long at Reuters. He eagerly accepted

an offer from Rupert Murdoch to become managing director of The Times. By leaving when he did he missed the

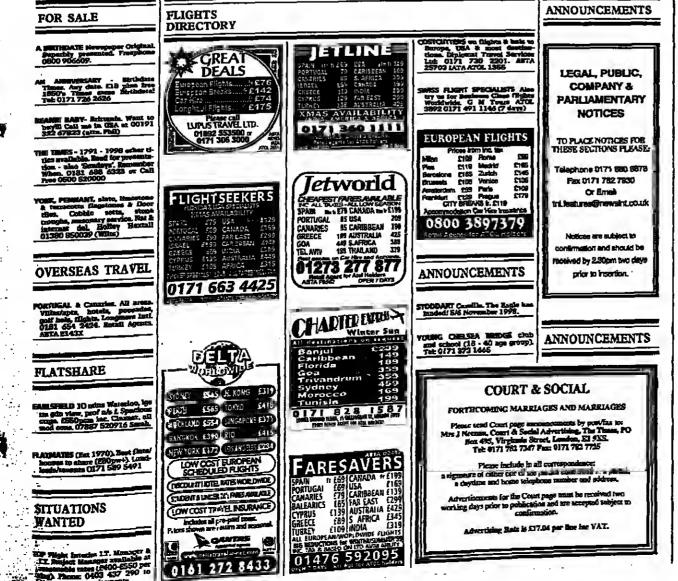
flotation of Reuters and the chance of becoming a multi-millionaire (like Renfrew and Nelson), causing one writer lo describe him as "the tragic hero" of the new Reuters. Long himself never complained of missing out - indeed, he did not give the impression of caring much for money as such. But the move to-The Times was not a success, as many of his friends and colleagues had foreseen. Long had never worked on a newspaper, his opinions and attitudes jarred and his eccentricities were becoming more marked. Many of the staff resented him and his relations with Harold Evans, the Editor, were unhappy. In Good Times Bad Times (1983). Evans described him as a "brooding and perplexing personality".

One of Long's passions was food and wine, and he was a considerable and dogmatic expert on both French and German cuisine. This expertise was to lead to his downfall. Rupert Murdoch was already beginning to have doubts about his managing director when the "cheese affair" sealed his fate. After dining at Le Gavroche, Long conducted a lengthy and acrimonious correspondence with the owner, Albert Roux, about the cheese provided. Evans decided to publish it in the Saturday paper as the prelude to a series by French and German experts. Murdoch did not find this at all entertaining and was infuriated by the timing. The following Monday he was to tell the unions that 600 jobs must go if The Times was to survive. He feared they might refer to Long's lifestyle.

Long was soon replaced as managing director but remained until 1984 as vice-chairman before reoring to France. He lived variously in Paris, Provence and Normandy, where he kept a bust of Julius Reuter in the courtyard of his farmhouse. He kept himself busy with his bobby of cooking and in the continuing study of French and German literature and language.

He married Anne Hamilton Walker in 1951. She and their three daughters and two sons survive him.

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THE LUTHER CELEBRATION

This evening the church bells were rung, to remind the lieges of the great Luther Commemoration, which is to be celebrated tomorrow. During the day flagstaffs have been reared on all the roofs, while the shops, great and small, combine gratitude to the great Reformer with a desire to earn an honest penny, and exhibit his portrait in their windows for sale. The order of the procession of the

municipal authorities to church tomorrow will be as follows: - After the heralds, the musicians, and the city banner, will come the Protestant clergy, the professors and students of the University, the highest civil officials, the generals, other civil officials of the Kingdom and the Empire, the presidents of the College of Seniors, of the mercantile community, the rectors of the high schools, honorary citizens, the aldermen, the magistrates, the city deputies, the citizens' delegates, the

ON THIS DAY

November 10, 1883

Videspread celebrations took place to mark the 400th anniversary of the birth of Luther who "originated the greatest intellectual novement the world has seen since the time of the Apostles".

directors of public institutions, inspectors of buildings and inspectors of schools, chiefs of districts, rectors of parish schools, and heads of the magistrates' offices, two marshals, and four heralds. The procession will meet in the Town-hall, and march thence to St Nicholas's Church.

Luther is, perhaps, the grandest historical figure that Germany has produced. In thought, word, and act, he was the most German of Germans. He was a son of the people, and grew up amid traditions which had been handed down from old Pagan times. His clear intellect revolted against the lies and hypocrisies which he saw in the doctrine of Rome. He perceived that the root of the evil lay in the idea that a man can sanctify his life by what the Romish Church called good works. With nothing but lies, envy, hatred,

and malice around him, Luther's life, he being what he was, could not but be one of conflict, and he remained a spiritual warrior till death. The spirit of defiance. however, in which he began the contest calmed down into quiet steadfastness, and he changed the attitude of a threatening challenge for that of deliberate defence. He wished to break the power of the Church, to tear his country free from Rome, and he did it with a Titan's force. Luther was not a scholar in the strict sense of the word, but he knew two things better than any of his contemporaries - namely, the Bible and his mother tongue. His words, as Richter said, were half battles; he was the mightiest of German speakers.

Customers can be trusted, says study

THE dog-eat-dog world of business can be remarkably honest when it comes to stealing other people's ideas (Rodney Hobson writes). Few small businesses protect their intellectual property. Instead they rely on their customers to play fair — and they usually do, according to Robert Blackburn, of the Small Business Research Centre at

Kingston University. Surrey. His studies show that small businesses are deterred by cost from using patents or trade and service marks to safeguard the know-how that underpins their businesses. They are also reluctant to seek redress in law because they do not expect to win, although they will sometimes sue as a deterrent.

Professor Blackburn said: "Far from finding the informal methods of protecting intellectual property to be a poor substitute, the research project concludes that they largely work and are often more suited to the style of management in smaller

"Equally important, there is no evidence that the low take-up of formal methods has had an adverse impact on the rate of innovation.



"I hear that this year's guest

EMU threatens cashflow of smaller businesses

A TIDAL wave of late payment could follow the introduction of European economic and monetary union, Allied Irish Bank said at a seminar in London last week.

Delegates heard that EMU could pose a further threat to the cashflow of small businesses in an economic climate that is already tightening. The bank urged businesses to take immediate action to build closer relationships with customers, suppliers and banks and make EMU an opportunity, not a threat.

John Kilty, head of business mar-keting for Allied, said: "In Ireland, we witnessed a flurry of activity as companies began to prepare very late for the euro. In Britain, we have been helping our customers to avoid these difficulties by prepar-ing for EMU well in advance." Allied was voted best business bank in Britain for the third consec-

utive year in a biannual poll of 10,000 privately owned businesses by the Forum of Private Business. It has 35 branches in the UK.

Mr Kilty's comments, coming

five days after legislation giving small businesses a statutory right to interest on late payment, were given extra impetus when two government ministers, Gordon Brown and Peter Mandelson, indicated that the UK was moving nearer to joining the single currency. The Irish Republic is in the first wave of

countries joining. Speaking at a seminar organised by Allied at the Commonwealth Institute in London, Mr Kilty pointed to a MORI survey showing that 77 per cent of UK businesses were not currently taking any action to pre-pare for EMU and risked being caught unawares if large companies enforced euro-compliance on

small suppliers.
He said: "They may find themseives facing high costs of restructuring, systems redesign and, most worryingly, cashflow difficulties."

"It's not a question of whether businesses adapt to EMU, it's about when and how The when' should be now and the 'how' should be in collaboration. Small businesses represent the future of our economy, but they need nurturing. Big business must use its pow-er sensitively and the banking community must work flexibly to help customers to manage the transition

He also urged small businesses to flex their new powers under the Late Payment of Commercial Debt Act.



John Kilty said banks should help firms to make the euro transition

Bureau matches buyers with sellers

BUSINESS people aiming to buy companies are being matched with owners wishing to sell by a newly formed commercial marriage bureau (Brian Collett writes).

Jonathan Hick, one of the founders of the MBI Register, discovered that potential buyers did not want their existing employers to know their intentions, and that owners seeking to sell did not want their employees to find out and were uncertain how to dispose of a company.

Most of the selling companies were too small to float and bad no prospect of a management buyout. All prospective buyers are vetted

by the MBI Register and a Courts advisory body. There are now 250 intending buyers and a number of potential vendors on the books. Several purchases are under way.

Mr Hick, who has a marketing background and once bought into an advertising business, is the chief

Edward, a banker, runs the London office. The non-executive chairman is Michael Frank, a former merchant banker.

A Glasgow office is to open soon. Manchester and Birmingham operations are planned for next year.

executive, based in Leeds, and Ian MBI Register: 0870 6000020

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Jaguar takes the driving seat to save energy costs

SMALL manufacturers supplying Jaguar in Coventry are saving on energy and other costs under an environmental project introduced by the car company.

Jaguar has brought in three con-sultants from Coventry City Coun-cil to assess water and energy management by the participating suppliers and to suggest environmentally desirable changes, which in-variably save costs. So far, 56 sup-pliers in the West Midlands have agreed to take part.

Some of the consultants' simple observations are that lavatories are being flushed unnecessarily so that metered water is wasted, and that air compressors have leaks that increase energy consumption.

One company expects to cut its water bill by 20 per cent through using a rinse tank for components instead of running water.

Another company, which previ-ously paid for collection of industrial sludge, now allows the solids in the mixture to settle. The solids are collected, at a smaller charge, and the remaining water goes through the company's treatment works. An aluminium plant using a gas

poker to keep dyes warm now has a finer jet for the job and is saving up

to half the energy.

Deborah Blackburn, Jaguar's environmental affairs manager. said: "It is incredible how much is wasted. Many small companies also cause pollution because they don't think about what goes down their drains."

All the companies hope to achieve ISO 14001, the European environmental management standard.

Funding for the project comes from the European Commission's

greening programme. Accelerate.

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Mrs Blackburn said that the Eu-

ropean funding, which covers a period up to January, was likely to be

extended because the project was probably the most successful in the

Accelerate programme. She be-lieves the participating companies will continue their new practices be-

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A FURTHER half-point cut in interest rates is needed, according to the Federation of Small Businesses in the light of a survey painting a gloomy picture of the economy (Rodney Hobson writes).

The federation found that

three in four of the 16,000 small businesses that respond-ed were less optimistic about the prospects for the economy than they were a year ago. Only 6 per cent were happier.

The report, released last week to coincide with the meet-

ing of the Bank of England's urged a base-rate cut of a full percentage point. The commit-tee opted for a half-point cut. However, just over half the firms said that turnover had risen in the past 12 months.

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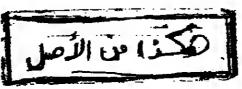
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Cowboy advisers take money and run

By RODNEY HOBSON

A TEAM of grant cowboys has been rounding up hundreds of pounds from companies in East London. Business Link London City Partners fears. Often the only advice given by the rogue advisers is: "Contact the local Business Link."

Plausible approaches offering help for companies to find out whether they are eligible for government, EU or local government grants emerge with regular monotony, despite repeated warnings that business advisers, trade associations, chambers of commerce and bank managers are more reliable sources of information and can often provide the information free.

Alison Ball, manager of the Hack-ney branch of City Partners, has come across several companies that have been cheated. She says: What these cowboys purport to do is to help companies to find grants in re-num for a fee. In fact all they do is pocket the fee and then write a letter referring you to the Business Link. If you try to follow up to complain or get your money back, you find that it is impossible to track them down. Fortunately those who already use our services check with us first and this has prevented

them from wasting their money. We think this kind of activity is pretty rife and the cases we know of may just be the op of the iceberg. The problem is that not many businessmen like to admit they have been conned in this way."

. The first approach to companies is by telephone and an appointment is made to discuss the grant finding services they have to offer. Huseyin Demriel, managing director of Oakwood Fashions, was

among the companies approached. He said: 'The appointment is kept by a very plausible and very convincing salesman equipped with impressive-looking documentation. Through the judicious use of the European stars and top-quality materials it almost looks as though the service has got government support. Then they get the client to sign up on the spot and pay up in

The fee is usually between £350 and £500. Some time later a letter arrives on high-quality paper saying that the client has a good chance of obtaining a grant and that they should contact the local Business Link.

Swanky progression leads to crowning achievements

Tiaras help two

niche jewellers

to get ahead

creatively, writes Bernard Silk

7 hen they met on a Sheffield Polytechnic degree course, Michelle Morgan and Vivienne Ridley did not expect that they would one day be running a thriving business — selling tiaras. The women, both 30, launched

Manchesier, they sell to both private clients and business customers across Britain, Europe, the United States and Australia.

Tiaras have lost their aristocratic image. Swanky iiaras — priced from about £30 to £200 — are mainly bought by brides-to-be, although they are popular with some young

nightclubbers too.
Miss Ridley said: "When we graduated, we realised that there wasn't any job on offer which would allow us to do exactly what we were hoping — with a large crea-ove influence."

The two decided to start their own company and began by designing jewellery on a kitchen table. Miss Morgan said: "First, we did hand-crafted silver. That was expensive, time-consuming and difficult to sell. Next, we designed

Bank figures show.

By RODNEY HOBSON

THE number of small business closures con-

tinued to fall in the third quarter in spite of

the slowdown in economic growth, Bardays

Smaller businesses seem to be less badly

At 111,000, the number of closures be-

affected than larger ooes, the bank believes.

tween July and September was 5 per cent

lower than in the corresponding quarter of

1997. Meanwhile the 118,000 start-ups were

only marginally down on the same period

last year, so the stock of businesses has in-

creased to 2.66 million, up 1.2 per cent over



Michelle Morgan, left, and Vivienne Ridley say tiaras are popular with brides-to-be and nightclubbers

pewter jewellery, which sold quite well in high street shops, but we couldn't compete with import

After spotting tiaras being used as accessories in a fashion magazine, the women decided to produce their own. They made some on silver-plated wire frames encrusted Swanky tiaras in fashion shoots, a valuable source of publicity — and sales. Projected turnover for this finwith beads, pearls and semi-precious jewels. A local bridal business took them, and sales were

encouraging. Now bridal magazines ask to use there's a lot of competition, so you must have something special and a

porary lines which are updated This year we have used a range of different materials including

crystals, feathers and mulocoloured beads. Our daisy theme range has also proved popular." The two women will soon have a

bit different," said Miss Morgan.
"Our tiaras have simple, contem-

Web page on the Internet, so that potential customers can have access to pictures of their products. The page will also simplify overseas sales, at present needing a

banker's order, which can be complicated and costly to administer. "An Internet site will allow us to offer a credit card facility, which will be more secure and efficient," said Miss Ridley. Brochures and

promotional material will still be

produced, she said. When the National Wedding Show - which features wedding gowns, accessories and ancillary services - is held at G-MEX, Manchester, from January 29 to 31 next year, the Swanky range of jewellery will be on show.

Probably 90 per cent of our tiar-as go to the bridal market, along with our matching jewellery," said Miss Ridley. "We make products to order. Clients can ring, write or call and tell us what they would like we can incorporate colour themes into a dara, for example, to match the fabric design."

Word of mouth publicity is help ing to build sales, Miss Ridley said, with orders from bridalwear firms as far away as Japan. "We intend to expand our range and may hire staff to cope with increased production from next year," she added.

☐ Swanky is on 0161 4741440

BRIEFINGS

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, will answer ques-oons from companies worried about European economic and monetary union in a live Internet session on Thursday. Questions can be sent in advance on the Enterprise Zone website http://www. enterprisezone.org.uk

☐ The Country Living Christmas Fair, an annual outlet for small businesses to sell crafts and other products, opens tomorrow for five days at the Business Design Centre, Islington.

☐ Glass & Marble, a specialist furniture company advised by Business Link City Partners, has become the thousandth firm to be benchmarked using the DTI-sponsored UK Benchmarking Index, which helps businesses to compare their performance with similar firms. Glass & Marble is currently working on projects at the new Sadler's Wells Theatre and the Berkeley Hotel in the West End of London.

☐ The newly formed Leicestershire Centre for Enterprise is placing academics on one-day-a-week secondments with small and medium-size businesses in the county. Contact: Wahida Redey on 0116-250 6068.

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Reduction in closures among smaller firms

business banking, says: "Recent business surveys that have indicated a sharp deterioration in the fortunes of small and medium enterprises tend to concentrate on the larger SMEs. Our start-up and closure figures provide a much more direct measure of the effects of economic conditions on smaller

businesses.
"While we are seeing a slowdown in Mike Dayis, managing director of small

growth in the economy, it is likely that the full impact may not be felt by small business-

ancial year is £75,000.

"Tiaras are a niche market -

es until next year."

Meanwhile, the suggestion that larger rather than smaller companies are finding the going tougher is only partly borne out by the latest quarterly survey from Euler Trade Indemnity, the factoring and invoice

Euler says that although the firms that were hardest hit in the third quarter were those with annual turnover of more than £50 million a year, those with turnover of £2.5 million or less were also badly affected. Price discounting in the face of intense competition remains rife and is depressing

profits, Euler says. Cancelled orders remained at a high level and firms reduced inventories of raw materials, work in progress and finished goods.

The average payment delay from UK customers stayed at 23 days beyond the due date for payment, although clothing firms paid ten days later than they did 12 months ago. Export payment delays were at their highest since the last recession.

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glance at the five faces below could be revealing for the wouldbe Fantasy league manager who may be considering entering a team for the first time, with the possibility of taking a weekly or monthly prize even at this stage of the season, it is not too late to enter a team with a chance of winning £500 for the best team of the week, or, better still, the £1,000 prize for the month's top team.

When putting together II players to take on the rest of the Fantasy world, with £50 million burning a hole in your fantasy pocket, the temptation is, naturally, to select the biggest of names: Michael Owen; Alan Shearer: Dennis Bergkamp: Dwight Yorke, This week, those four megastars, apart from being arguably the mp goalscoring talents in the FA Carling Premiership, had another thing in common: they scored absolutely no points at all in The Times Fantasy League.

They were not alone: Marc Overmars, nothing: Gianfranco



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Over the season, the law of averages, not to mention the tendency of cream to rise to the top, will probably determine that these quality performers are among the top points scorers; but, in any given week, lesserknown players will have their moments of glory and could propel a team to the top of the

week's ratings. One such player is Andy Hunt. Andy who? Exactly. Before last summer, few supporters of Charlton Athletic had heard of the forward signed to play alongside Clive Mendonca. When Mendonca scored a hat-trick in the club's first home game of the season, it seemed to confirm that Hunt would find himself

However, it does not seem to have worked out quite like that. Hunt's two goals against Tot-tenham at White Hart Lane last Monday evening brought his Fantasy League total up to 14, six ahead of Mendonca, who is in the middle of a goal drought. More to the point, in weekly terms, Hunt, available to Fantasy League managers for a million pounds less, outscored his partner by six points to none over the past seven days.

The five top performers pictured below contain a mixture of two full internationals, two upand-coming stars of the future, and Hunt - the type of jour-neyman professional who can make all the difference between first place and nowhere to a Fantasy League team. Overlook them at your peril.



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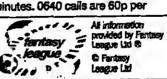
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Gascoigne looking fit for success

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The (former?) England midfielder made a useful contribution to this week's

winning team, Nick Szczepanik reports

azza is back. Not that he ever left the sports pages, of course — but his display in Middlesbrough's 3-3 draw at Southampton, six days after he won the man-of-the-match award for his performance in Boro's draw with Nottingham Forest, suggests that the (former?) England midfield player is well on the way to recovering his best

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His goal at The Dell, a perfectly-placed free-kick which curled beyond Paul Jones's lefthand post before swerving back inside, was reminiscent of the dead-ball accuracy of Gascoigne in his Tottenham heyday. Morcover, it was his forward ball that the unfortunate Claus Lundekvarn headed past his own goalkeeper 10 earn a two-point assist (in addition to the three points for his goal) for those lucky enough to have the Geordie in their selections.

Apart from his contributions to the score, a leaner, finer-looking player than the rotund figure of recent months helped his team overcome the loss of first Robbie Mustoe and then Phil Stamp as the referee, Paul Alcock, brandished two red cards.

Gascoigne was also one of the main contributors to the team chosen by the winner of this week's £500 prize, Raj Basi of Southall, Middlesex, who works at Heathrow Airport for British Midland airways; however, it is another international midfield player with a colourful recent past who is the inspiration behind the side.

The team, Ince Is King, is named after Mr Basi's favourite player, but, strangely enough, the Liverpool captain does not appear in the eleven. The reason is simple - that suspension is likely to rule Ince out of too many games.

"I'm a big fan, but he's very temperamental," Mr Basi said. "He's always been my favourite player.

I like his gusto, but not his ability to pick up cards."

Like a lot of supporters of West Ham, Mr Basi went off Ince somewhat when he left Upton Park for Old Trafford, but was delighted when the player returned to England after his spell in Milan with Internazionale to join Liverpool, the team to which Mr Basi, influenced by his brother, a supporter of the Reds, had transferred his allegiance. "When he came back to Liverpool, that was

With the self-styled Guv nor out of contention for a place in Mr Basi's masy League side, inc Liverpool representative in the Ince Is King team is Steve McManaman, who weighed in with two points on Saturday, but Paolo Wanchope, who scored for Derby at Anfield, got three: an ever-present



WEEKLY WINNER

Ince is King XI Ed de Goey (Che) . Gary Neville (Man) Stave Guppy (Lei) Giftes Grimandi (An David Wetherali (Lee) Keith Jones (Cha) .. Paul Gascoigne (Mid) en Anderton (Tot) Egil Ostenstad (Sou) Total: 31 pomts

dilemma for Fantasy League managers whose players are regularly in opposition.
"It's a two-way thing; you're

hoping for a goalless draw, or hoping for your attackers to score and your defenders not to get picked. That was a reason for picking Gilles Grimandi — he usually only plays in the easier fixtures." On Sunday, however, Grimandi helped Arsenal keep a clean sheet against Everton, thereby earning three more points, a total equalled by Steve Guppy of Leicester City and Gary Neville of Manchester United, two players who helped to ensure blank scoresheets at The Valley and Old Trafford over the weekend.

Five points each from Darren Anderton and Egil Ostenstad. attacking players he has always rated, helped the total towards 31 points, enough to claim the prize of £500 cash and £100 worth of sports equipment.

Then, of course, there was Gascoigne, a player of extremes, as Mr Basi agreed. "He's going to go one way or the other. When he came

Saturday, I thought: 'Good on you.' " Plenty of those who are looking forward to a fully recovered Gascoigne providing sorely needed inspiration for England will have thought the same.

FANTASY PLAYER OF THE WEEK



My name is Paul, and I am a footballer: Gascoigne's visits to The Priory clinic for treatment for alcoholism have, so far, succeeded to the extent that it is now possible to think of him once again as a superbly gifted footballer rather than Gazza, tabloid casualty. Long may the renaissance continue

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Last week's poser was easy if you knew your Italians (Materazzi. Tramezzani) and, In double measure, your Leicester midfield (Muzzy Izzet, pictured twice). And double

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distinguishing name, of course. What do this week's foursome have in common? Again, easy if vou know It.





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As I was saying . . .

A weekend of two halves, so to

Are you referring to the strange split of fixtures over two days? l certainly am. As you know, I have two Fantasy League teams . . . Both equally unsuccessful . . . That may be about to change but, as I was saying, two teams with a total of twenty different

Twenty? Playing a man short in each side, are you? That's confidence, I must say. Or have you got one team of nine, rather like Middlesbrough at Southampton on Saturday? No. twenty different players. There are two players who appear in

Okay. I'm with you. Anyway, I sat down on Saturday evening and worked out all the scores of my players who'd been in action that day, but almost half had yet to play. So on Sunday, I had a load more scores to work out. Yes, why were there four Premiership matches on Sunday? Surely pay-per-view hasn't come in yet, has it?

Well, three of the games included teams who had been in action in Europe in midweek, so t suppose their players were a bit ored. Although Manchester United



had an easy bome game, but still got the worst result of the three on the Suoday.

Well, I'm quite happy about that, because Shay Given, one of my which doesn't often happen at Old Trafford.

Lucky really though, wasn't it, that he happened to be playing a team that was having a bad day. Come off it — he made some good saves. There was one that I remember seeing where he went down among the flying feet to grab a loose ball. And it's a difficult skill, catching shots that are hit

straight at you without dropping them. Just ask David James That's a bit unfair too. You couldn't blame James for either of Derby's goals in their win at Anfield. Have you got any Derby players, by the way? None who were in action this week, unfortunately. Stefan Schnoor wasn't playing. But otherwise the weekend was quite successful for my

Throw some names at me. Ilic, the other keeper, clean sheet against Leicester after letting in two last Monday; Huckerby and Blackburn and Sheffield Wednesday: a nice assist for Michael Hughes of Wimbledon against Nottingham Forest. And Babayaro, your cause célèbre of last scason, got Chelsea's goal at West Ham. That was last season, unfortunately. I haven't picked him this time.

We all make mistakes. But do all these successes mean that you are looking at a weekly prize?
I don't think so. The good performances were spread too evenly over my two teams.

A squad of two halves, in other I'm afraid so.

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Wanchope: useful purchase, plus a goal at Anfield

Importance of striking before the iron's hot



is it worth buying him now?

MANAGERS in The Times Fantasy League have short-term memories when it comes to purchasing strikers.

The demand for Hamilton Ricard of Middlesbrough, for example, has become massive over the last few weeks, but you can't help thinking that such managers have missed the boat and that the signing should have been completed some

With the vast majority of

strikers, goals tend to come in streaks. A run of five goals in five games is often swiftly followed by six games without a goal. The aforementioned Ricard may already have hit eight goals this season, but his hot streak could well be over and he may thus end the season as the fifty point player that we

all know he is. Besides, it was only a few months ago that he was classed in the donkey category.

The secret of a top Fantasy League manager is anticipation - this is the difference between the best and the rest. It's fair enough spotting a striker mid-way through a scoring streak, but it's far more rewarding to buy a striker before such a goalscoring flurry.

For example, Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink went into Sunday's game in the worst run of his Leeds career with eight games without a goal. With a player so reliant on confidence, the goal against Sheffield Wednesday could bring about an impressive return to points-scoring form for the Dutchman. Arsenal's Nicolas Anelka is

another striker whose confidence is critical to his performance. Five goals in five games is certainly an impressive tally, but once this run comes to an end, it could be a while before he gets another.

There are certain strikers whom you stick with through thick or thin, or forget about completely - Aston Villa's Stan

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Collymore certainly comes into this category. Stan the Man often suffers from a case of the Collywobbles, but frequently returns to haunt doubters with a brace after no advance warning.

Then we come to the "bread-and-butter" strikers the players on whom you can rely for forty or fifty points. Dion Dublin's move to Aston Villa can only enhance his steady Fantasy League form of previous years; big Duncan Ferguson of Everton is another certainty for 12 goals a season; and Emile Heskey of Leicester City is a banker for the 40 point mark. You can chuck these guys

in at the deep end, knowing exactly how they'll perform during the course of the season. MATT SIMS

Labour crisis on Welsh candidate

The Labour leadership was facing a growing crisis last night after failing in its latest attempt to force Rhodri Morgan, the "old Labour" candidate to be the First Secretary of the Welsh assembly, to stand down.

There were fears of party civil war in Wales as Mr Morgan insisted that he would not step aside, although attempts continue to stop him becoming Labour's candidate Page 1

Starving Russia poses security threat

Russia is on the brink of severe food shortages that could pose a security threat to the West, intelligence sources have concluded. The growing fears confirm Moscow's predictions that supplies could run out in weeks. The European Commission has proposed an emergency package of food aid worth £285 million to stave off starvation...

In his clearest vision yet of how he sees the future of the monarchy. Prince Charles dismisses the idea that Britain should copy the slimmed down, cheaper, Scandavian model Page I

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Surrey's troubles

A bishop drew aside the lace curtains of his affluent, middle-class diocese yesterday to reveal wifebeaters, drug addicts and suicidal executives. The Right Rev John Gladwin, Bishop of Guildford, said that the facade of wealth and prosperity in Surrey hid growing ...Page 3 problems...

Violence in the home

Children whose fathers are violent towards them or their mothers are being encouraged to report them to advisers on such problems, or to teachers. Government advertisements will be tele-Christmas period _____ Page 6

Cheap monarchy out Uister compensation Michelle Fenton was 35 with four young children when the IRA abducted and killed her husband, Joe. in 1989. Northern Ireland's Criminal Injuries Compensation scheme was set up to help people like Mrs Fenton

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President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has been warned that unless he begins co-operating with United Nations weapons inspectors. his military infrastructure will suffer "immense damage" from _Page 10

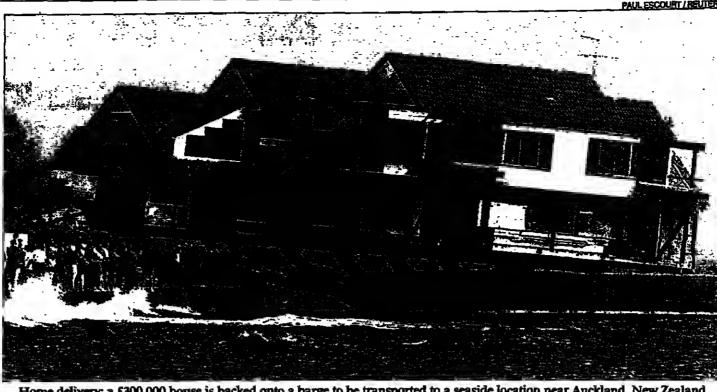
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Schröder calls shots Gerhard Schröder, the German Chancellor, is to deliver a personal declaration of independence, outlining a government programme that bears his stamp rather than that of his erstwhile vised in Scotland over the rival, Oskar Lafontaine, the Finance Minister Page 15



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Home delivery: a £300,000 house is backed onto a barge to be transported to a seaside location near Auckland, New Zealand

almost 3,500 jobs with a £500 million investment in its chemicals operations at Grangemouth in Scotland and at Hull ____ Page 27

High street sales: Retailers will today report a fall in sales in October, only the second monthly fall since March 1995 ____Page 27 BA profits talk British Airways suf-

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Rugby union: Lawrence Dallaglio. the England captain, was ruled out of the World Cup qualifying match against Holland by a knee injury. Martin Johnson will now lead the ..Page 52

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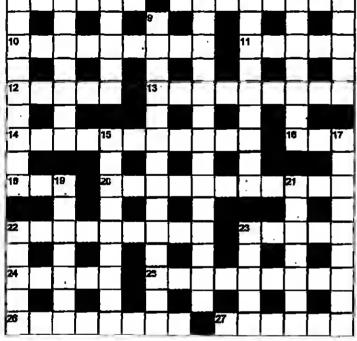
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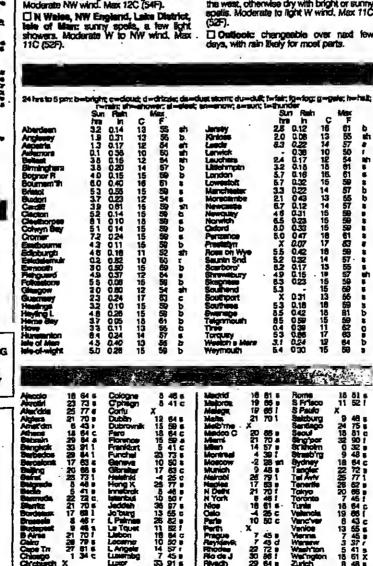
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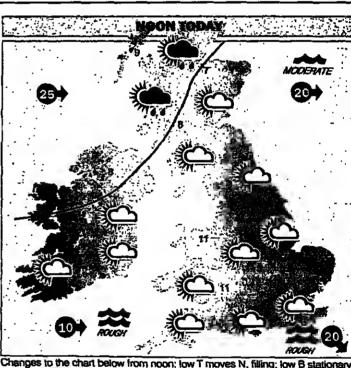


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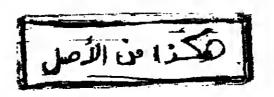
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BP creates 3,500 chemicals jobs

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

Boost to Scotland and the North East from £500m investment

BRITISH PETROLEUM is to create nearly 3,500 jobs with a £500 million investment in its chemicals busi-

The jobs, which will be largey in construction, will go to Grangemouth, in Central Scot-land, and Hull. BP is to build two new chemical production plants at the two sites, creating 25 permanent jobs when the plants are opened in 2002.

The substantial development follows a steady erosion of jobs in the North East and

months. The regions have suffered problems with key in-ward investment projects and have seen a series of curbacks in manufacturing.

Sir John Browne, chief executive of BP, said: "This is an important step in the development of our European chemicals business.

"The North East is an excellent location for manufacturing petrochemicals. This investment will help BP Chemicals to retain and improve its competitive position in the Eu-

Ken Jackson, the general secretary of the AEEU, said that the development would mean a "massive boost" to

the economy.

He said: "Scotland has been hit particularly hard in recent weeks, but this will increase confidence and attract further investment. We look forward tn working with the company to maximise the investment

they have made." Lord Macdonald, Scottish Business and Industry Minister, said: "Building on the suc-

should secure Grangemouth's position as one of the top petrochemical sites in Europe. BP is a major player in the Scottish economy and this investment. together with the associated new employment, is excellent news not only for Grange-mouth but also for Scotland."

BPs new plants will create 2.200 construction jobs in Grangemouth and 900 in Hull. The developments will include extending BP's pipe-lines from Teesside to Hull and have been triggered by the company's expectations

that raw material supplies from the North Sea will increase from 2000. It expects to increase the amounts of liquid gas feedstocks from the North

However, BP is also to cut 150 jobs early in the next centu-ry with the closure of a plant at Baglan Bay, South Wales. Baglan Bay products ethanol, which is required by BP's

clining. Production of the chemical will be taken over by Grangemouth. The move is part of a drive

Hull plant, but that need is de-

begun by BP in 1990 to increase the competioveness of its European chemicals operation. It has since sold or closed a string of chemicals businesses. It has also invested more than £1 billion in its integrated oil, gas and petrochemicals centre at Grange-

Grangemouth's ethylene facility was chosen for increased development because it was next to the company's refinery and the terminal of its Forties field pipeline system. Hull has a pipeline link to North Sea

The boost to the chemicals operation is expected to increase BP's earnings through lower costs in production and Bryan Sanderson, chief exec-urive of BP Chemicals, said:

methane. BP also said that government approval for a com-

bined heat and power plant at

Grangemouth was critical to

the development plans, ti won

permission to build the power

plant, which will generate low-

cost electricity, earlier this

This package of advantaged investments will yield enormous value for BP - it will increase mid-cycle earnings by £85 million per annum."

Greenbury flies in to quell M&S

mutiny

back to London yesterday to fight what is now being seen as a full boardroom mutiny led by Keith Oates, his deputy chairman at Marks & Spencer.

He returned from India early yesterday morning to learn that Mr Oates, long seen as a contender to work under him as chief executive, is now trying to oust him and become executive chairman. He is proposing that Peter Salsbury. a joint managing director, could become his chief executive.

Sir Richard, who has been with M&S since he was 16. must now lobby for support from the six non-executive di-

rectors to keep his job.

The fracas has been fuelled by so many leaks, apparently from the M&S board, that the London Stock Exchange is expected to demand that the company clarifies the position.

One institutional shareholder said: "The leaks show that there is greater instability in the M&S boardroom than we suspected. It must be a campaign orchestrated by somebody - it may be Oates, though it would be foolish of him."

Sir Richard combined the roles of chairman and chief executive. He had been expected to split the roles next year, remaining as chairman.

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Swiss duo set for merger

AN E8.7 billion merger of Cība Speciality Chemicals and Clariant, two rival Swiss companies, will accelerate the restructuring of the European chemicals industry, analysts

The merger, which will form the world's biggest speciality chemicals company, is expected to yield annual savings

loids for £1.42 billion, thwarting a rival offer from Her-

combined market capitalisa-tion of SWFr20.1 billion (£8.7

High street sales fall raises fresh fear of recession

By Fraser Nelson and Janet Bush

HIGH street sales fell last month for only the second time since March 1995, raising new fears of a sharp deterioration in consumer confidence in the autumn.

Figures from the British Re-tail Consortium, published today, show that retail sales fell 0.6 per cent last month. The BRC figures show that the downturn has stretched

across every retail sector in October, with ladies' clothing far-Worst The decline, it says, was caused by many shops putting on sales throughout the month in an attempt to lure cautious

shoppers to spend money. Miserable weather was also Bridger Rosewell, chief economic adviser to the BRC. said: "These results show that the half-point cut in interest rates announced last Thursday was well timed. The trend is still firmly downwards and will need to be reversed short-

ly if the economy is to keep growing." Last week Marks & Spen-cer, Britain's biggest retailer, described the high street conditions as a "bloodbath" as it announced a fall in half-year profits. Boots also gave a sub-dued statement on current trading last week.

The BRC said the threemonth growth trend slowed to 0.6 per cent - less than half the rate recorded in Septem-

The City said that the BRC report together with figures yesterday showing weaker than expected costs and prices

UK FUND managers have turned into strong buyers of Asian stocks and remain buyers of UK equipes, accordi to the latest Merrill Lynch Gallup survey of fund managers published yesterday. These findings tend to support the recent assertion by Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, that confidence

is returning to the markets. The survey said the sharp rise in markets over the past month caught fund managers with unusually high levels of eash and most fund managers were now planning to cut cash.

in industry, provided further justification for more aggressive easing of interest rates by the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee.

The Office for National Statistics reported yesterday that factory gate inflation fell to its lowest rate for more than 38

years in October. Output prices fell 0.2 per cent in October, giving a 0.1 per cent year-onyear rise. This was the lowest rate since March 1960.

Input prices, paid for raw materials, fell 0.2 per cent to stand 9.8 per cent lower compared with a year ago. Yesterday Gordon Brown. the Chancellor of Exchequer.

faced questions from the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee on the growth and borrowing fore casts contained in last week's pre-Budget report. Mr Brown was unapologetie about his forecasts that Brit-

ain will avoid recession next year and recover to healthy growth in 2000 and 2001. He cited the fact that sterling had weakened by 10 per cent from its peak and also the fact that European export markets, accounting for 50 per cent of British trade, would be growing healthily.

On borrowing, he re-em-phasised that his forecasts were based on a cautious as sessment of tax revenues. He said that, unlike the previous Government, the Treasury was not factoring in revenues from privatisations that had not yet happened, nor savings on fraud that had not yet been



Chocks away: Robert Ayling said BA was on course for savings of £1 billion a year by 2000

Merrill leaves trading floor with Fleet deal

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

MERRILL LYNCH, the biggest brokerage on Wall Street, is giving up its physical pres-ence on the New York Stock

Exchange.
Its Merrill Lynch Specialists
Inc subsidiary will be sold to
Fleet Financial Group for up to \$200 million (£120 million). Merrill's equity trading powerhouse will not be damaged by the move, which is seen as symptomatic of the growing ir-relevance of open-outcry ex-

changes to the financial sys-

tem. The deal will make Fleet's

JJC Specialists the second-biggest pool of trading personnel on the exchange floor. Of the large Wall Street houses, Merrill has one of the biggest operations on the world's biggest stock exchange. Exchange specialists exe-

cute orders from brokers and trade on their own accounts in vast pits surrounded by monitors. Merrill employed 62

The company said that the disposal had nothing to do with its recent announcement

of 3,400 job losses. Merrill lost \$164 million in the last quarter, the first loss since 1989. Earlier this year, the exchange floor was shaken by a scandal that undermined confi-

dence in brokers' independ-ence. Floor personnel allegedoperated a racket that let them buy shares on their own account ahead of big orders coming. Prosecutors have brought charges against a few brokers, but none at Merrill.

BA plans take flight after results disappoint

BRITISH AIRWAYS is to fly ing Osaka, Seoul and Jakarta, smaller aircraft than planned on many routes next year to reduce its vulnerability to an economic slowdown.

Amid anxiety about declining demand for business and first class tickets, BA also said it is unable to meet demand from "premium" passengers on popular services such as Johannesburg to London.

BA had wanted to increase seat capacity by 8 per cent next year. It has cut this to 2 Wall Street toll, page 32 | per cent. Asian routes, includ-

are among the casualties. The cut will mainly be achieved by replacing ageing Boeing 747s with smaller 777s. Cabins will be reconfigured to offer more business and first class seating.

BA was announcing interim results that disappointed the City. It made profits of £385 million before tax for the six months to September 30, compared with £430 million. Analysts had expected between £375 million and £425 million.

Sales rose 6 per cent to £4.7 billion. Robert Ayling, chief executive, said BA is on course to realise planned savings of £1 billion a year by 2000.

He refused to give further details of its Oneworld alliance, which dominates BA's short-term global strategy after regulatory objections bogged down a partnership with American Airlines. The interim dividend is 5.lp a share, up 8 per cent.

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By Fraser Nelson and Manus Costello SIR Richard Greenbury flew

said yesterday.

of about £260 million. About 3,000 jobs are expected to be lost from a combined workforce of 55,000. Earlier this year Ciba acquired Britain's Allied Col-

cules Inc, of the US. The companies will have a

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Halifax denies merger talks

By Marianne Curphey and Caroline Merrell A MERGER between Halifax

and Barclays would be unlikely to be referred to the Monopolies and mergers Commission as the combined share of new lending would be less than 23 per cent, it emerged yesterday. Halifax continued to play down recent speculation link-ing the former building society to Barclays, Prudential or Nat-West. It claimed its continuing

was evidence that it was not currently in merger talks. However, a Halifax spokes-

share buyback programme

made no secret of the fact that it had a £3 billion war chest to spend on acquisitions, adding: "Everyone is talking to every-one else all the time."

A merger between Halifax

and Barclays would be a chance for Halifax to diversify with new income streams to offset competitive pressure in its core business of mortgage lending. Analysts calculate that management would be able to take 8 to 10 per cent out of the cost of the combined company through branch closures and rationalisation of IT.

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MAM looks at hedge fund

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

MERCURY Asset Management is considering launching a hedge fund in an effort to bolster its faltering reputation as a pension fund manager.

MAM, the UK's largest pension fund manager, is thought to have been prompted by Merrill Lynch, the US investment bank which bought MAM earlier this year and which is a big supporter of hedge funds, including the controversial Long Term Capital Management

Undeterred by the near-collapse of LTCM during the recent stock market collapse, MAM is continuing to "evalu-ate client demand" for a new hedge fund, although a spokesman emphasised that plans were at an early stage.

The new fund would be run on a "total return" basis. Unlike conventional funds, which are restricted to particular sectors, total return funds can radically switch assets in search of a performance target. This would give MAM the opportunity to use classic hedge strategies such as short-selling — selling shares it does not own — and leverage, which involves

borrowing to invest.

If launched, the new fund will be aimed at the big pension funds run by local authorities and blue chip companies, which are increasingly looking at ways to diversify their assets and reduce risk. However, wealthy private investors, would also be targeted.

Since the spring MAM has lost more investment mandates than it has won, including the £1.2 billion mandate from Unilever, which it had shared with Schroders.

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Digging in: miners are unhappy with the offer of RPI-1 per cent, having seen the chief executive get a £224,460 bonus last year

Miners threaten strike over pay offer from RJB

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

RJB MINING could be on the brink of the first miners' strike for 15 years as anger grows over a pay deal planned by the company

Two of the main unions have given Richard Budge, the chief executive, an ultimatum to improve the current five-year offer of inflacion minus 1 per cent or face a ballot for a strike. Despite the damage that a strike would do to the already fragile industry, it is thought that miners are prepared to take a stand against what they see as unfair treatment by Mr Budge. Neil Greatrex, president of

the Union of Democratic Mine-

workers, said: "There is a feeling that the workforce are not going to be walked all over any more. They have lost their faith in Richard Budge. This is the first time the UDM has consid-

ered strike action in 15 years." Another source said: "This is a difficult time for RJB. but Richard Budge has never demonstrated any willingness to share good fortune. There is growing resentment and people have seen through him."

The UDM, which has given RJB a fortnight to improve its offer, was formed 15 years ago as a breakaway from the National Union of Mineworkers

when it led the last national and Industry said it had given strike. The NUM has also no specific guidance on how RJB should be competitive. warned RJB that it will ballot Earlier this year, RJB's an-

RJB has told the mineworknual report revealed that Mr ers that it is under pressure Budge had been paid £610,000 from the Government to curb in 1997. This included a bonus miners' pay - which averages of £224,460 despite the fact about £26,000, including bothat profits fell 9 per cent and the share price collapsed by 75 nuses, in a letter to the UDM, William Rowell, managing diper cent. The strike threat comes at a rector of deep-mine operations, said: "We have also been

crucial time for RJB, which has still not signed key contracts with the electricity generators, industry sources believe that the company is downbeat about prospects for the

Wiseman hopes to serve London

By Fraser Nelson

ROBERT WISEMAN, Scot land's largest dairy company. has lined up about six English sites that it could use as a staging post to move in on Lon-don's milk market.

Alan Wiseman, chairman. is prepared to invest £30 million in a new purpose-built site to serve London branches of Tesco, Asda and Safeway, the group's main customers.

However, none of the three supermarkets has yet given assurances of support for the new dairy. Until that happens Wiseman cannol act.

Mr Wiseman conceded that London is served by plenty of dairy companies, but said that most sites were in poor condi-tion. 'The London area is supplied by dairies that were built 40, 50, 60 years ago, designed for glass bottles which just aren't used anymore." he said.

The company, which has 75 per cent of the Scottish market, spent £30 million building a dairy in Manchester lour years ago and it said that this had proved a great success.

Mr Wiseman said that the company has received tentative takeover approaches, but had rejected each one. His family owns 50.8 per cent of the company's shares, ruling out a hostile bid

In the half year to October 3. The company made pre-tax profits of £9.16 million (£8.65 million), sharply ahead of City ter plant reached 80 per cent capacity. Earnings per share were 7.64p (7.32p). An interim dividend of 1.4p (1.32p) is due on February 18.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Legal bill for Astra case to top £1m

THE Government is set to pay more than £1 million to cover the costs of the legal proceedings against the former chairman and directors of Astra Holdings, the UK company linked to the supergun affair, it was disclosed yesterday. Kim Howells, the Trade and Industry Minister, said in a House of Commons written reply that so far the public has paid E355,500 for the costs of five out of six directors who have been defending themselves aganist disqualification proceedings brought by the Department of Trade and Industry.

The only significant outstanding costs are those of Gerald

James, former chairman of the company, who is receiving legal aid, but whose solicitors have already been paid £400,000 on account. In addition, the costs of the Treasury Solicitor acting for the DTI are estimated at £280,000. The proceedings against Mr James and the directors followed an investigation into Astra, which collapsed in 1992. Mr James made a number of disclosures about the export of arms to traq and tran in 1990. The trial collapsed in April after the disclosure of a letter written by DTI investigators stading that there was no jusofication for taking proceedings against the directors.

Commerzbank link

COMMERZBANK, Germany's third-biggest bank, and Assicurazioni Generali, the Italian insurance group, have signed a co-operation agreement that will see the companies acquire cross-shareholdings in each other's businesses. Generali is taking a 5 per cent interest in Commerzbank at a cost of about DM1.2 billion (£436 million). Commerzbank, will invest the same amount in its Italian partner, giving it a stake of 2.5 per cent in Generali. The new product and sales co-operation will

Wyevale acquisition

WYEVALE Garden Centres has bought Kennedys Garden Centres for up to £18.8 million. The price consists of between £12.25 million and £13 million for shareholders' equity and E5.8 million of debt. The purchase is payable in cash and is being met out of Wyevale's cash resources. The acquisition takes the number of garden centres operated by Wyevale to 78. Kennedys operates 13 garden centres in southeast and central England. In the year to December 31, 1997, Kennedys had turnover of £12.69 million, and pre-tax profits of £1.03 million.

Churchill falls further

SHARES of Churchill China, the ceramics manufacturer, lost nearly a third of their value vesterday after the group's third profits warning this year. The shares, which traded above 600p late last year, fell 30p to 87thp yesterday. Pre-tax profits were £6.1 million in the previous 12 months, but analysts have cut predictions for this year from £3 million to £1.3 million. The results are due in March 1999. Churchill said sales in the hotelware division were down in the third quarter and the trend was expected to continue.

Eidos buys US studio

EIDOS, the UK computer games company, has completed the \$47.5 million (£28.6 million) acquisition of America's Crystal Dynamics, it was announced yesterday. Crystal Dynamics, based in Palo Alto, is an independent development studio whose forthcoming releases include titles like GEX III Deep Cover Gecko, Legacy of Kain: Soul Reaver and Akuji the Heartless. The acquisition has been financed from existing Eidos cash resources, with 50 per cent of the consideration paid on completion and the balance deferred until April 1999.

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Knoydart eviction threat

RECEIVERS appointed at Knoydart Peninsula, the Scottish estate formerly owned by Stephen Hinchliffe and Christopher Harrison, are threatening to evict the estate manager who was in a legal battle with the former Facia bosses after they sacked him earlier this year (Jason Nissé writes). Ian Robertson was dis-

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West of Scotland estate by Mr Harrison shortly after he visited Knovdart at Easter.

Mr Robertson sued Knoydart Peninsula, the company which owns the estate, for £26,000 that he said he was owed and for wrongful dismissal. The Fort William Sherriff's Court awarded him £12,000 last month and there is a hearing on the remainder

to take place on November 27. The wrongful dismissal case is set to be heard in Glasgow two days before that

Laurie Manson, of PricewaterhouseCoopers, appointed receivers to Knoydart Peninsula ten days ago, has written to Mr Robertson saying there is no documentation to prove he has a right to occupy the cottage he lives in on the estate.

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that no one at Marks & Spencer

can be unaware of the turmoil

now endangering the company.

When a deputy chairman makes a public bid for prefer-

ment, as Keith Oales did this

weekend, the result is destabilisa-

tion on an extraordinary scale.

The announcement that he was

volunteering his services as half

of a 'dream ticket' to run the com-

pany amounted to a nightmare

for an organisation which tries,

and usually succeeds, to keep its

public utterances running care-

fully to script. Marks & Spencer

was practising the Alastair

Campbell approach to news man-

agement long before New La-

bour discovered the importance

of keeping everyone on message.

In grabbing the microphone to

announce his ambitions. Mr

Oates has surely put an end to his career at M&S. Many think

he had little to lose, since his

name was no longer being taken

seriously in the debate as to who

would move into the sear which must, eventually, be vacated by Sir Richard Greenbury. But it is

now impossible to imagine how

he can go on working in the or-

ganisation if the non-executives

there may be diligeni executives somewhere in Baker Captain Oates of M&S Street who continue to give their full attention to the perfect recipe for a new sauce or the ideal set of a jacket sleeve, but there will not be many of them. boardroom shenanigans have now reached such a level

turn down his suggestion, which they most surely will. The succession issue at M&S

has been moving up the agenda. belatedly, throughout this year. The non-executives had hoped that they might be allowed to ponder it until next spring, in the hope, no doubt, that their rather jaundiced view of all the potential internal candidates might be proven unfair and a worthy successor blossom forth. What the Oates outburst has done is to multiply the pressure for a speedy decision. The company cannot be allowed to endure months more of such uncertainty: the board must decide who will run the company at a time

management. Sir Richard may not be reading the newspapers at the moment - his ostrich-like reaction to what he deems unfair coverage - but somehow the message reached him in India that all was not well back home. We can only guess what he had to say to his deputy chairman, but the chances are that it did not bode well for their continued working relationship. And, as Sir Richard constantly reminds people, he intends to be a part of the team at

when it clearly does need strong



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

M&S for several years yet. He has the bit of paper to prove that his board asked him to stay until his 65th birthday.

They may regret that now. The ideal solution might be a strong outsider as chairman, someone who combines knowledge of retailing and financial services. and could guide the home-grown chief executive. The non-executives are going to have to disap-

Lucas Varity left in no man's land

The board of LucasVarity has publicly declared itself to be 100 per cent behind its chief executive. Victor Rice. Privalely, however, some of the directors must be asking themselves whether Mr Rice's position is really tenable. And if there is a question mark over his head, then there must also be one hanging over Ed Wallis, the chairman.

Mr Wallis was vociferous in his espousal of the Rice plan to move Lucas Varity to the United States. He has even ventured to suggest that the route is one that other companies will be forced to consider, a thought that, inevitably. puts the spotlight on PowerGen, of which he is also chairman.

Messrs Wallis and Rice will take comfort from the fact that their proposals were voted down by the size of majority that would have had most politicians demanding a recount, in the hope that a second attempt would produce the desired answer. However, until Lord Jenkins of Hillhead turns his attention to shareholder voting, defeat is defeat and Messrs Wallis and Rice lost

the contest. And, as far as UK shareholders in LucasVarity were con-cerned, it was indeed a contest. As the proposals were examined and their implications digested. UK investors small and large beincreasingly unhappy about how they would fare, prompting the company to refine the plans. However, some investors even looked beyond their own circumstances to ponder the possible effects on the company and its employees. There were suggestions that the move of domicile might be more to bene-

fit Victor Rice than Lucas Varity. That suggestion may be un-founded, although the Rice reputation is not for selflessness and sacrifice — and he does happen to have kept his base in the US. despite LucasVarity being headquartered in the UK.

However, the fact that his motives were even called into question does not augur well for the company's share price. Victor Rice argued that one reason for moving LucasVarity to the US was that the majority of its investors were now in that country. Now he has succeeded in alienating many of those UK investors who had continued to hold the stock. The company is now left under a cloud of uncertainty, with its chief executive back home in Buffalo.

He had taken the precaution of ensuring a premature parting from LucasVarity would be financially rewarding. Shareholders may be reluctant to see his recent efforts so richly rewarded.

Kingfisher's deal in anyone's language

rench sensitivities may have been hurt by the handling of Kingfisher's deal with Castorama. The impression seems to have been given that this might be more of a British takeover than a European merger. So yesterday's formal an-nouncement of the creation of Europe's largest DIY business came carefully couched, with liberal sprayings of the phrases 'joint venture' and 'merger'. It even went so far as to say that the terms 'represent a spiril of true

partnership'.
But it is hard to avoid the conclusion that, as usual, some partners are more equal than others. In this case, Kingfisher will have 54.6 per cent of the new group and, after two and a half years. could take full control at a price to be agreed oo the advice of an independent investment bank.

The choice of who that might be could be narrowed by Kingfisher's renowned penchant for bulk-buying advice just as B&Q customers buy cement. Whereas Castorama cites just CCF-Charterhouse, Kingfisher lists not one but four investment bank advisers on the deal. Goldman Sachs comes top of the bill but let's have a big hand, too, for Lazard Frères, Société Générale and SBC Warburg Dillon Read.

Clearly Kingfisher did not wish to trample on the sensitivities of invesiment bankers any more than it intended to upset its new French friends. And the banking team could soon be busy again. Kingfisher's next stop looks set to be Germany.

No joint account

DOES Halifax really want to merge with Barclays? While the story was good for generating some market activity, it seems un-likely that investors would leap at such a deal. After all, who would they see in the driving seat? James Crosby, boss-elect at Halifax, may be a man of huge ambioon but his chief executive abilities have yet to be demon-strated. Martin Taylor is not, demonstrably, crying out for a big-ger job than the one that has been keeping him occupied at

Teleport boosts Comcast

COMCAST, the cable operator, reported a third-quarter profit after it posted a \$1.09 billion pre-tax gain from an investment in Teleport, a telephone company bought by AT&T Corp (Our City Staff writes).

The \$706.6 million (about £427 million) profit made by Comcast com-pared with a \$62.2 million loss a year ago.

The company said that consolidated operating cashilow rose 15.3 per cent to \$420.7 million and revenues grew 12.5 percent to \$1.36 billion. Current-year results included cable systems in Florida, Delaware and Maryland, acquired last March and April.

Comeast was one of three companies that shared a 66 per cent stake in Teleport, which offered local business phone service.

Kingfisher creates European leader with B&Q merger

By Fraser Nelson

EUROPE'S largest do-it-yourself retailer was created yesterday as Kingfisher finalised its £3.6 billion deal to merge its B&Q division with Castorama, its French counterpart (see Commentary, this page).

The enlarged company. with 440 stores across nine European countries, will generate turnover twice that of its nearest competitor to become the third-largest DIY company in the world.

It can make savings of about £50 million a year — even without job outs - by placing larger wholesale orders with its

suppliers. Kingfisher, led by Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, has given Casto-rama full control of B&Q on condition that it has a 54.6 per cent stake in the enlarged com-pany. Castorama will continue to be listed on the French stock market. Sir Geoffrey will become part-time chairman of a new 12-member partners board, whose members will be split between Kingfisher and

Castorama. Jean-Hugues Loyez, the Castorama chief executive who has long-held ambitions of overseas expansion, will do the same job in the enlarged company. Kingfisher has the option to make a full takeover offer for Castorama in two vears' time.

The details had been expected by the City, which has been briefed since the terms of the

merger were first announced on September 25.

Kinglisher shares added 60 to 545p yesterday. In Paris, shares of Castorama Dubais jumped 4.6 per cent to Fr10.91, making Kingfisher's stake worth £2.6 billion.

B&Q is Kingfisher's best-performing division and now commands a fifth of the £9 billion UK market through 280 stores. It is currently working on a £750 million programme to boost its number of warehouses from 30 to 125.

Castorama, which trades under its own name in France. has 145 stores through which it commands 15 per cent of its native market. Like B&Q, it has sales of £1.9 billion a year.

Imperial makes US debut

IMPERIAL TOBACCO, which yesterday listed on the New York Stock Exchange, has no intention of trying to follow in the footsteps of LucasVarity by proposing a move of domicile from London to the US, according to Gareth Davies, the group chief executive.
"We've no intention of do-

ing a LucasVarity. The listing of our ADRs (American Depository Receipts) reflects our growing shareholder base and our commitment to US investors," said Mr Davies, Imperial Tobacco, spun-

off from the old Hanson Industries, has a shareholder base of around 30 per cent in America. In New York the ADRS were being traded at around \$214, while in London the or-

dinary shares closed 10p lower at 635p. Market report, page 30

Hammerson sells Canadian property portfolio

By Kimberly McDonald

HAMMERSON, the property group, has sold its Canadian portfolio to a state pension fund for £238 million, the company announced yesterday.
The sale to OMERS Realty

Corporation, a subsidiary of Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System, marks the end of Hammerson's 30-year involvement in Canada's property market and a continuation of its strategy to shed overseas assets and concentrate on the UK and continental market.

"We still plan to be an inter-national business, but in a sense based on Europe and not further afield," sald Ron Spinney, chief executive.

An agreement was reached after a competitive bidding process, in which the Ontario Teachers Pension Plan Board and Gentra, a Toronto property company, were said 10 be the underbidders.

Hammerson Canada's portfolio includes three large shopping centres and three office buildings in Ontario and provides more than 300,000 sq m of space. The Canadian market represents about 17 per cent of Hammerson's assets. and the deal frees up about £170 million of equity and will reduce annual overhead costs by approximately £2.5 million.

Analysts said the disposal eases concerns that the company will have to tap investors for funds to finance its development programme. This includes three shopping centres - the Bull Ring in Birming-ham, the Oracle in Reading and another in Southampton. - along with projects in London and Paris.

Rival bid for Bilton unlikely

HOPES of a white-knight rescue for Bilton, the property company facing a £270 million hostile bid from Slough Estates, were fadiog yesterday as it emerged that two more City institutions have sold their stakes in the market

(Fraser Nelson writes). Gartmore Investment has sold £4.33 million of Bilton shares at 290p. Fleming Investment Management also said it has sold a £191,000 stake at 290p. Both batches are understood to have been

picked up by Slough.

Analysts said that no institution would have sold at these levels if they thought anyone would trump Slough's 307p-a-share cash offer. Slough has built up a 12 per cent stake in Bilton almost entirely from institutional shareholders.



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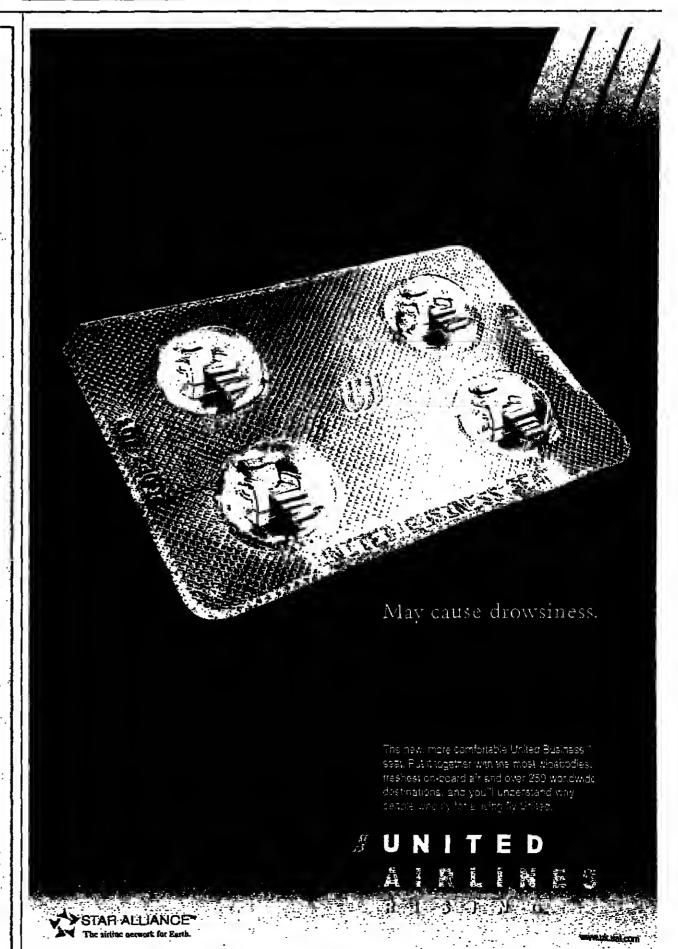
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Stock Market Writer

Speculators thrill to the prospect of Racal deal

SPECULATIVE buying drove Racal Electronics another 8p higher to 311p amid growing hopes that a deal may be just

City speculators claim the outgoing chairman, Sir Ernest Harrison, is about to pull one last rabbit out of the hat before stepping down. Word is that he may have lined up a full bid, or may be arranging a buyout or demerger of the defence electronics business. Either way. the price has come up from 265p in the past few weeks with a further 2 million shares changing hands yesterday.

Sir Ernest, who originally founded Racal, was responsible for demerging Vodafone in the 1980s in an effort to enhance shareholder value. In 1992, he demerged Chubb Securities.

Share prices generally spent a lacklustre session, drifting throughout much of the day in thin trading after giving up an early lead. Futures-related selling dragged the market lower, although a late programme trade was enough to enable prices to close above their low point of the day.

The FTSE 100 index, down

almost 92 points at one stage, eventually closed down 57.1 at 5,433.9. Total turnover was a meagre 706 million shares.

There was little response to weekend reports that Halifax, up 7p at 852p, was planning a £40 billion merger with Barclays, down 30p at £12.05. The rest of the banks suffered falls after long-term bull Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, the US securities house, began to take a cautious view of prospects. Royal Bank of Scotland lost 6lp to 827p, Standard Chartered 284p to 6104p, HSBC 54p to £14.28, and Lloyds TSB 28p to 780p.

Shares of Imperial Tobac-co began trading in New York yesterday, as the Lam-bert & Butler-to-Rizla company, whose chief executive is Gareth Davis, conceded that it will not be able to lose the owned a third of its stock since it demerged from Hanson, the Anglo-American conglomerate, in October 1996.

It expected that the US investors would sell, but their command of Imperial's shares has increased from 27 per cent to 32 per cent — mainly because Imperial has no exposure to the US market and nothing to



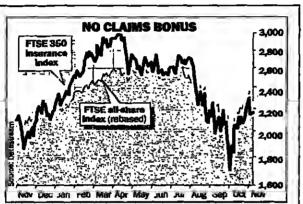
Richard Grasso, executive chairman of the NYSE, left, and Gareth Davis celebrate Imperial's launch in New York

tion. Wall Street gave the shares a lukewarm welcome and they held at \$28 as Imperial's London shares dropped

10p to 635p. Somerfield's meeting with various brokers appears to be paying dividends. The price raced up 234p to 4484p after Morgan Stanley Dean Witter reiterated its "strong buy" recommendation.

Associated British Foods stood out with a rise of 27p to 597p. Take no notice, say traders. They reckon the shares were depressed by a "rogue price" entered into the system late on Friday.

Stylo edged another 2p higher to 43p on further stakebuilding. Shami Ahmed, the man hehind the Joe Bloggs label, is believed to have bought a fur-



THE general insurers were among some of the worst performers, with brokers increasingly becoming gloomy about prospects.

Among the top 100 com-panies, Guardian Royal Exchange fell 17p to 275p. Allied Zurich 291/sp to 6941/sp, while Royal & SunAlliance fell a further 8p to 493p in response to last week's prof-

Dealers also expect a profits downturn at CGU, down 22p at 898p, which unveils third-quarter results tomor-

Merrill Lynch, the broker, is forecasting a fall to £407 million. Crédit Lyonnais Securi-

ties remains bearish. One broker said: "We are cautious about prospects, but you do get the feeling that the premium rate cycle has reached the bottom, particularly in motors. Conditions may start to improve

That said, it seems inevitable that there will be an increase in insurance claims reflecting the current downturn in the economy.

ther 250,000, taking his total holding to I million shares, or half a per cent of the issued share capital. Speculators are talking about a break-up bid for the shoe retailer. Speculative buying was also responsible for a rise in Blacks Leisure of 174p to 254p.

A revival of speculative buy-ing hoisted takeover favourite Allied Carpets 8p to 541/2p. The carpet retailer put the "for sale" sign up in September, after announcing it had received a number of approaches. The board was due to meet yesterday to discuss the merits of the various approaches.

There was heavy turnover in Queens Most with almost 2 million shares changing hands as the price firmed lp to 1912p. Once again there is talk of a bid from Hanover Inter-

national, steady at 84p. Its third profits warning in six months left Churchill China nursing a fall of 30p to a new low of 872p. Takeover target Bilton rose 5p to 2911/5p amid signs that institutional support is beginning to swing in favour of Slough Estates's £276 million offer. Gartmore investment has sold a chunk of 1.5 million shares to Slough at 290p, reducing its total holding to 1.44 per cent, while Robert Fleming has unloaded a further 66,000 and now speaks for 1.95 per cent.

Slough rose 3p to 290p. Cambridge Antibody sported a rise of 7/sp to 230p. Test results back from its rheumatoid arthritis drug D2 E7 are said to look promising.

Take profits advice from

ABN Amro Hoare Govett ahead of results left Electrocomponents 18p down at 402p. The shares have come up from a low of 311p in recent

GILT-EDGED: Bond prices recovered from a weak start helped by the strength of overseas markets. In the futures pit, the Decem-

ber series of the long gilt put on 46p at £114.29 in thin trading that saw just 25,000 contracts change hands. Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent 2021 rose 61p to £141.31, while in shorts Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was 6p better at £105.86. NEW YORK: US blue chips were sharply lower as a sell programme knocked Wall

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Also, the supermarkets -

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inquiry into the dairy indus-

try - have so far not given

their support. Not daunted,

DAIRIES

Robert Wiseman has drawn in the sector.

take over the weak ones.

THE knives were out for Bob Ayling yester-day. The chief executive of British Airways was under pressure to deliver on two fronts. His failure to do so led analysts across the

hoard to downgrade their profits forecasts.
Investors, who have seen the share price dive from a summer high of 703p to about 400p, wanted reassurance that BA would not be trampled by the rival Star alliance now its partnership with American Airlines is on the back burner. However, Ayling insists BA's looser Oneworld grouping — with AA and three other airlines — is good enough in the short term, though irritatingly, Ayling ducked

away from any specifics on how.

More pressingly, shareholders wanted evidence that BA is controlling costs aggressively as the industry prepares for a slowdown. Ay-ling responded by saying its programme of

cuts is ahead of schedule. This is not earthshattering news — the final saving envisaged is unchanged at £1 billion a year.

Ayling is right when he says the strong pound has forced BA into belt-tightening before its rivals. BA claims it would be unprofitable right now without this early action and KLM's poor results earlier this week back this up. But just as the sterling pain is easing, BA has a new currency worry. The strengthening yen, will mean a hit of £85 million in the third

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The biggest question mark hangs over business and first-class tickets, where price increases had been made to stick. Premium traffic has been falling just as BA has started a push to fill the front part of the planes. Although the shares look good value, sentiment is likely to remain against them in the short term.

In these conditions, Wise-

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Until then, there is better

value to be found elsewhere

now long overdue, and there up a shortlist of new sites.

CRYING OVER SPILT MILK

Robert Wiseman

SCOTLAND is full of small companies which have made their name in the City by succeeding in England tagecoach, AG Barr and Kwik Fit have all done well selling to sassenachs but Robert Wiseman Dairies is looking worryingly ambi-

Robert Wiseman can be forgiven for having itchy feet. It sells three in every four pintas in Scotland, and its new Manchester dairy has been a roaring success. So why not take on London, the biggest prize of them all? The answer is that food supply around the South East of England is a law unto itself. Manchester was

easy because there were so few milk companies; in London, the competition is fierce

and has deep pockets.

A wave of consolidation is

UNTIL last month, investors

who supported Dragons Health Clubs' cash-raising ex-

ercise in March could be forgiven for having a less-than-

healthy view of the company.

Having forked out for new

shares at £2 apiece, they were

forced to watch the price col-

lanse to just 145p as the bot-

tom dropped out of the lei-

Since then, there has been

a rally ahead of yesterday's

full-year figures, which were

in line with market expecta-

tions. These produced a fur-

ther 5p gain to 173p as the market reacted positively to

the group's perceived defen-sive qualities.

Like most of the quoted op-

erators. Dragons believes the

fitness dub market has a

long way to go before reach-

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believes its niche - the afflu-

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sure sector.

per cent of its turnover comes from subscriptions paid by monthly direct debit (notoriously difficult to cancel even

if you want toj. Ignoring any acquisitions, house broker Rathbone Neilson Cobbold is forecasting a 41 per cent jump in carnings per share to 14.13p as refurbishments are completed and margins improve. That values the shares at 12 times 1999 earnings, whereas rivals Fitness First, Holmes Place and Vardon are averaging 20 times. Its growth record suggests that is unjustified.

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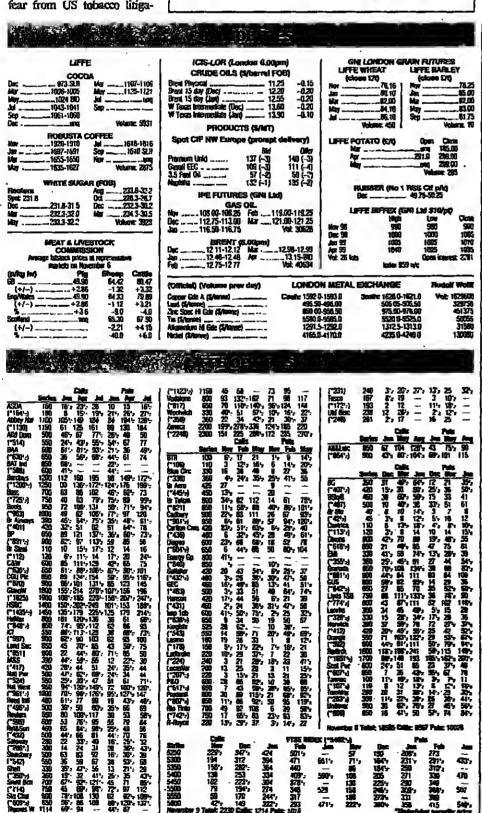
DCC has four unrelated business areas: the manufacture and distribution of computer software and hardware; an energy arm that sells gas to outlying rural districts that aren't served by the main-stream network; a foods division that specialises in niche growth products in Ireland. such as healthfoods, wine healthcare business that makes wheelchairs and pow-

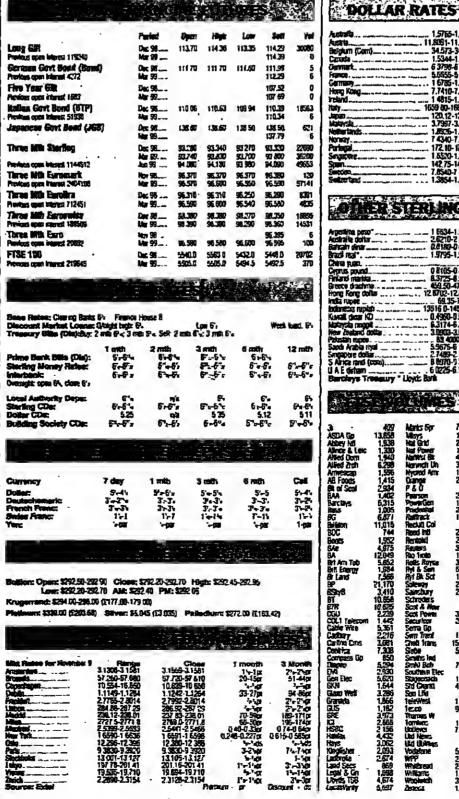
ered carts for the elderly. A focus on organic rather than just acquisitive growth ensured that the shares tripled in value in just a couple of years. Then they collapsed from 6121/p in the summer. clobbered by general economic and equity market fears.

Yesterday, the market rediscovered an appetite for the shares, with London dealers marking them up from 375p to 435p, after buoyant trading and no hint of a downturn in the UK operations. DCC is well placed to take

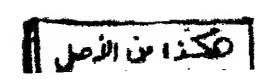
advantage of growing demand for computers and bourgeois foodstuffs from the youthful Irish population. It also has the ageing popula-tion in the UK well staked out with its geriatric carts and mobility aids. Gas deregulation in the UK still leaves lots of people without access to mainstream connections.

Don't be surprised if this and ground coffee: and a stock continues to rally





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ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Why the world financial crisis was so shortlived

Pragmatic central bankers and calmer investors should stop the global economy going off the rails

ago, when this column suggested that "the greatest finan-cial crisis since the 1930s" might be over already, this comment was intended as a wry joke. It was certainly possible to discern the first glimmers of hope in financial markets amid all the fashionable gloom of early October.

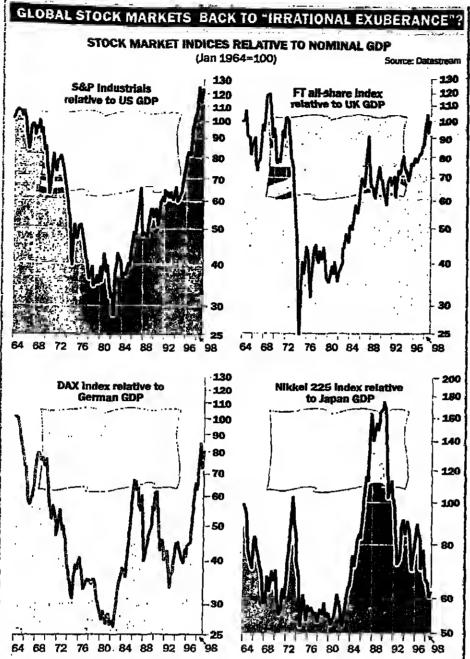
But even for someone who was instinctively scentical about the self-servingly apocalyptic prophesies of inefficient imprudent bankers and reckless fund managers, it scarcely seemed conceivable that this crisis of the global capitalist system, which no less an authority than Alan Greenspan was publicly comparing to a terminal cancer, would give way to another outburst of euphoria before the end of the month.

Yet that is exactly what has happened. Instead of the widely predicted mehdown, financial markets have suffered what Wall Street wags now describe as a "melt-up". The 14 per cent gain in US equity prices in October made it the best single month for Wall Street since January 1987. By contrast bond markets, which rejoice in recessions and swoon in horror at the prospect of rapid economic growth, have just experienced their worst month since 1994.

Could the world economy re-

ally have changed so profoundly in a single month to justify this abrupt turnround? The answer, perhaps surprisingly, is "yes". Specifically, there were two crucial changes that became dimly discernible in early-October. These have now gone far enough to justify a confident assertion that the crisis is past. The first and most important change has been in the behaviour of politicians and central bankers. The second change has been in the behaviour of the financial markets themselves. Between them, these two changes have genu-inely transformed the prospects for the world economy. Economic policymakers in America, Britain and increasingly even in Japan and continental Europe, have explicitly recognised both their ability and their responsibility to avert a global recession. Meanwhile, the return of bullish sentiment to financial markets could soon start to show through in surveys of consumer and business confidence. These improve-ments in confidence will in turn help to sustain world economic

activity and demand. Let us consider the political factor first. After the creation of a Red-Green coaltion in Germany and President Clinton's decisive victory in America we



of demand management all over the world. Policy activism may not be in tune with the monetarist conventional wisdom of the 1970s and 1980s, especially among bankers, businessmen and financiers, but at a time when the world economy is obviously more threatened by recession than inflation, the newly popular philosophy of active demand management is being greeted with universal relief. By a process of democratic political osmosis. Keynesian-style attitudes to economics are permeating

deep into the central banks. The US Federal Reserve Board has, of course, been committed for years to a pragmatic neo-Keynesian policy of managing demand so as to maintain the lowest possible level of unemployment and unused industrial capacity consistent with low inflation. Nowhere has this philosophy been adopted more enthusiastically than the Bank of England, as evidenced by last week's aggressive reduction in interest rates. It has been fashionable in the City to suggest that the Bank's unexpected decision to cut interest rates by 50 instead of 25 basis points was a sign of panic and an indication that the economy is now much weaker than the bank expected it to be a few months ago. We will

learn tomorrow about the

Bank's detailed inflation and economic forecasts, but my guess is that they will show only a modest downward revision in economic growth.

The real key to the Monetary Policy Committee's unexpectedly radical decision was to be found in a lecture by Charles Goodhart, "Central Bankers and Uncertainty". delievered on October 29. I only wish I had read it more carefully and brought it to readers' attention before last week's decision by the Bank.

entral banks, according to Professor Goodhart, would generally be more successful in stabilising both inflation and output if they were willing to move interest rates by larger margins than in the past and if they felt no embarrassment about reversing their decisions. Since economic information is constantly changing, a mone-tary policy that is aiming for a fixed inflation target should be free to respond to these inherently unpredictable fluctuations in an unpredictable way.

This hair-trigger activism is only a theoretical model subiect to all kinds of caveats about the possible dangers of destabilising financial expectations, as Professor Goodhart and his academic colleagues admit. That is why at least one or two further reductions in interest rates remain likley in Britain and America, even if financial and economic conditions continue to improve. More importantly, policy activism runs against the traditions of central bankers and politicians, who find it unaccountably difficult ever to admit that their last move may have been "insufficient" or even "wrong".

The institution where personal embarrassment and pride are likely to prove the biggest obstacles to changes in mone-tary policy is, of course, the European Central Bank. But even at the ECB, the signs are growing that Keynesian atti-tudes will soon be imposed by the new German Government's appointees. These signs have helped to relieve the dangerous hardening of the mark in the past few weeks - and the weaker currency should, in turn, help to stabilise financial markets and business sentiment in Germany and the rest of Europe, just as it was threatening to become the weakest region of the world economy in

the year ahead. More generally, the changes in market conditions should be reassuring, even to people who have nothing invested in stocks and shares. To many people this may seem surpris-ing. The manic depressive be-

haviour of financial markets is

at best, to the real world of business and employment. While investors swing from euphoria to despair and back again, people continue to lose their jobs and even to starve in Asia, Latin America and Russia, industrialists find their order-books shrivelling at a rate not seen since the early 1980s and shopkeepers discover that frightened consumers suddenly prefer to save their

money, rather than spend it. In trying to understand events in the real economy of jobs and production it is often correct to ignore the gyrations of financial markets. There are, however, times when financial prices must be closely watched if we want to guess what economic events may be in store. This is not because the stock markets are particularly good at forecasting the future but because they directly influ-ence the decisions consumers, businessmen, employers and politicians are going to make.

Clearly the recent worldwide crisis and the present apparent recovery is such a period; the performance of the real economy is being strongly in-fluenced by financial events.

ad Wall Street not fallen by 20 per cent in those few August, it is unlikely that Western commentators and politicians would have spent the rest of the autumn worrying about a 1930s-style depression and making millennarian pronouncements about the end of the capitalist world. For the real threat to global economic prosperity that emerged in the summer was not related to the sudden loss of trade with Asia. and Russia, painful though that was to the many manufacturers, exporters and multinationals exposed to these parts of the world. The real danger came from a possible collapse of spending within America and Europe if consumers reacted to the decline in the value of their savings by tightening

With the American personal savings rate now running at - in other words, with American consumers now spending more than they earn — the scope for a big retrenchment in spending is obviously alarming. As long as equity prices keep rising, this presents no problem to most Americans — the stock market is doing their saving for them. But what will happen when the stock market falters again not because of Russia or Asia, but simply because share prices are again much too high? How can Americans

be encouraged to increase their savings gradually with-out killing global demand for consumer goods? These are the great unanswered questions still threatening the world economy and the great bull market. They should be much easier to answer now that policymakers have taken seriously their responsibility to avert recession and investors have recognised that, while stock markets may be overvalued, capitalism is not on the brink of a 1930s-style collapse.

Have you received our press release on PR qualifications?

ion - which, of course, I do not subscribe to that the only qualifications you need for a successful career in public relations are to be able to pour a drink and to work a fax machine (a standard that quite a few in the industry might struggle to reach). However, the Institute of Public Relations, the industry's trade association, is trying to promote the idea that spin doctoring is actually a profession, requiring a high level of education, professional qualifications and even in-

The IPR has, with the help of City University, conducted a survey of its membership, and out of the 1,071 members who responded, it found that an increasing number are actually educated to degree level or higher, in 1987, when the IPR first looked at the education of its membership, in found that just 35.5 per cent of its members had degrees. This rose to 43.5 per cent in 1991, 52.5 per cent in 1994 and now stands at 56.3 per cent. More than one in five PR people has post-graduate qualifications and the IPR found that its women members were better

dustry standards.

educated than its men, with nearly 62 per cent of PR girlies having degrees compared with 51 per cent of the blokes,

and more than 23 per cent of women in PR having postgraduate qualifications. Of these super-qualified spin doctors. 4 per cent admit to having degrees in public relations. There are now I5 IPRaccredited degrees at II British universities (as well as two degrees that the IPR refuses to put its name to), and the IPR is promoting five post-graduate diplomas that are due to start next year, including the London School of Economics and Leeds Metropolitan University. Bemused by how long it would take to teach someone the correct way to say: "I'll have to get back to you on that one," I asked Peter Walker, the president of the IPR, what is taught on these courses. He explained that among

the topics covered are communications theory and practices. management studies, economics and an explanation of what PR actually is. "Of course, these courses cannot teach you the specific skills, like how to operate the coffee machine but they provide a sharp focus for people who want to make a career in public relations," says Mr Walker.

Another thing the IPR is doing is to promote professional standards. It has been talking with the Cabinet Office and the Financial Services Authority about a code of practice for the industry. This is to stop problems like the infamous "Friday-night drop" where price-sensitive stories about public companies are passed to the Sunday papers ahead of being officially announced. Mr Walker points out that

the IPR already has a disciplinary procedure in place, with an annually elected disciplinary committee. However, it has only ever expelled three members - one who was cen-sured by a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry. another who was censured by the Stock Exchange and a third who set up a bogus organisation purporting to represent a foreign government. Telling lies, apparently, is not

Now, I hear, the problem has been

solved. Lewis will run part of the com-

pany. As I somehow cannot see him

down a hole and rooting about among the pipes, we can assume it will be marketing or some such.

But when? Public perception, as we speak, is of Buck House and Prince Charlest office at depart drawn.

Charles's office at daggers drawn, with added speculation about the

It is rather as if, at Centrica, he had

created the impression that the two former halves of British Gas loathed

each other and that his chairman

might be going early. Perhaps not his fault, but perception is all in your business, is it not, Simon?

Queen's abdication.



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a crime that would have you drummed out of the IPR.

Of course, when promoting standards in the industry, there is a fundamental problem — membership of the IPR is entirely voluntary, indeed, the most influential spin doctor in the country — Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's press secretary - is not a member and so would not be covered by the code of practice.

MARKET LEADER

☐ The annual Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race is searching gin having given up after being asked to more than double the price it has been paying in its current three-year deal. The Allied Domecq brand felt the race was good value at £400,000 a year but the race organisers were looking for El million each race to carry on. This upping of the price follows a pattern across sports sponsorship at the moment. Big events feel they can ask for greatly increased sponsorship ees without actually offering

sors. The price Guinness paid to sponsor the furthcoming rugby World Cup was nearly three times the price paid by Heineken last time and the Football Association is asking four times the El million a year paid by Green Flag to sponsor the England football team. The FA has had no takers and may well have to drop the price substantially if it is to secure a sponsor.

☐ The Saatchi brothers have quite a large influence on our lives. They are in politics -Maurice is a Conservative peer and M&C Saatchi, their agency, came up with the Tories' Demon Eyes campaign: they are in religion - sponsoring a synagogue in North Lon-don; and they are in art. Charles being a patron of con-temporary art, owning a gal-

lery in St John's Wood. Their agency advises the Mil-lennium Dome, the world's fayourite airline and Britain's leading cigarette brand. Now they are going to advise the arts world — setting up a joint venture with Judy Grahame. the former marketing director of the Royal Opera House, to advise leading public bodies on their marketing and govemment relations.

What next for the brothers? hear that despite the urging of M&C partner David Kershaw, they are not going to enter the bidding for Arsenal. However, there is one organisation that needs the Saatchi touch desperately - the Royal



The Boat Race wants more money from its next sponsor

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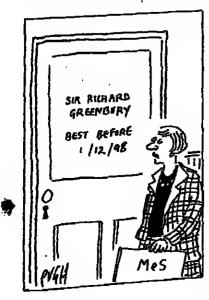
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Vacant lot

A SIGN that City job losses have spilled over into the housing market: George Wimpey has quietly stopped work on an expensive development in Docklands. The second phase of Royal Victoria Dock. one of the biggest projects in the area, was to have fin-ished next year, but the site has now been closed.

When I rang, Wimpey was keen to play down any link between the City's troubles and its decision. This led to a bizarre debate over whether the two-bed flats, average cost



E175,000 to £200,000, were or were not "luxury". Eventually we settled on "upper middle market", but at that price they were clearly aimed at

City buyers.
"We held off because confidence is low, and we expect confidence to be higher later," said a spokeswoman. There were to have been 900 homes on the whole site in all. Now the remaining 300 on the first phase will gradually be sold.

THE virtual impossiblity of separating in the mind Cable & Wireless, telephone operator, with Coble & Wireless Communications, cable operator, has not been helped by their perverse decision to keep the same logo for each, along with some overlap in

manogement. Now I see the companies hove found an easy way to distinguish themselves. The chief executive of C&W. sobersided FTSE component, is Richard H. Brown, according to on official letter. The chairman of funky, go-ahead C&W Comms is Dick "Just call me Dick" Brown.

Fleeting chance IF YOU have recently bought The British Battle Fleet Vol II (1915) from Purley's Oxfam shop and have tired



of your purchase, I can arrange a healthy secondary market. Just down the road is International Defense Review, founded by Fred Jane to produce Jane's Fighting Ships et al. and this year is its centenary.

The business lacks some of the founder's varied oeuvre and has decided to rebuild the library. Mark Daly, editor-in-chief, picked up BBF Vol I at the local Oxfam. Vol II, alas, had been sold shortly before, al-though it is hard to imagine who would want one without the other. Jane was, says Daly, something of

an Edwardian eccentric, with a wide range of interests. As well as naval catalogues be specialised in stirring antebellum propaganda about the need for a strong navy and proto-SF in the manner of Jules Verne - he predicted artificial insemination and weapons of mass destruction, for example.

Gallic gall

IN THE diary business, plagiarism is the sincerest form of flattery. L'Agefi, the French business paper, has recycled, unsourced, my tale about a competition to find a name for the British-German alliance of stock exchanges. This received few British entries because the prize was a weekend in Frankfurt, while German entrants

got a weekend in London.

The French suggest that the prize should be a weekend in Paris for all. A city noted for grasping hoteliers and restaurateurs and surly inhabitants. But then I'm biased.

AN HONOUR for Pricewaterhouse-Coopers, featured in a new set of stamps commemorating the merger that created PwC and 60 years of business in the country issuing them. This unprecedented stamp of approval has come from The Netherlands Antilles, a state more often associated in financial services with brass plates about three feet above sea level and a certain opacity in its regula-tory system. Still, it's o nice thought.

Spun off

he would one day return.

NOW his replacement has been appointed, what of Simon Lewis's future at Centrica? He was seconded to Buckingham Palace for a two-year term and it was always accepted that



Lewis: will return to Centrica

Dow's rise fails to ease jobs toll on Wall Street

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

WALL STREET is continuing to shed extravagantly paid employees, in spite of the 1,000-point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average dur-

ing the past three weeks.

JP Morgan is believed to be cutting 5 per cent of its global workforce to cut costs as profits plummet. Some 900 employees will be affected, most prob-

ably including London staff.

Last month JP Morgan announced a 69 per cent drop in quarterly profits and speculaoon about staff reductions have since swept America's fourth-biggest bank.

JP Morgan was one of the first to start the current round of Wall Street job cuts earlier this year. Even before the market peaked in July, the bank made an initial 5 per cent staff reduction.

The latest cuts will be in addition to the first wave of redundancies and are seen on Wall Street as an attempt by Douglas Warner, the bank's chairman, to fend off calls for his resignation.

The cuts are expected to hit most areas of the bank, including emerging markets, where problems have been the most

Merrill Lynch, the top US broker, has also said that it will let 3,400 people, or 5 per cent of the workforce, go. In a joint effort with other

Wall Street banks, Merrill paid \$300 million (£)81 million) for a stake in Long Term Capital Management, the failed hedge fund.

Citigroup has seen another executive departure after last week's exodus-cum-reshuffle in the newly created financial services group. Steven Black, vice-chairman

and chief operating officer of Salomon Smith Barney, resigned over internal wranglings. Mr Black had been second in command to Jamie Dimon, president of Ciogroup and co-chairman of Salomon Smith Barney, who was forced out over problems with combining Citicorp and Travelers Group's operations. Citigroup operations reporting to Mr Dimon last month showed a quarterly loss of \$1.3 billion.

One analyst said Citigroup was at the stage of merging operations at which it should have been several months ago. They still have the Noah's Ark approach - two execu-

tives for each post," he said. Even after Mr Dimon's de-parture, which was supposed to clear the air, management misunderstandings seem to have continued at Citigroup.

Mr Black, who joined Smith Barney in 1974, was asked by Michael Carpenter, Mr Dimon's successor, to stay. Mr Carpenter suggested a veteran financier such as Mr Black should be able to take a rational rather than an emotional decision. But after Mr Black consulted Sandy Weill, co-chairman, he felt persuaded to leave.



Jeff Chapman, left, chief executive, and Robert Bowles, finance director, are confident that the group can meet its targets

Hill Hire ahead at half time

By SAEED SHAH

HILL HIRE, the truck and trailer rental firm based in Bradford, said yesterday that it was confident of meeting all its targets for the year as it announced improved half-

yearly performance. Pre-tax profits rose by 21 percent to £2.61 million for the six months to September 30, with turnover up 28 per cent to

John Priestley, chairman, said that current economic uncertainty would benefit the company by giving a boost to the trend towards outsourc-

This, together with the group's expansion into new locations and our potential to increase market share, leaves us feeling optimistic about the

outcome for the year." he said. Earnings per share were lifted 18 per cent to 7.44p and the company declared an interim dividend of 1.6p (1.46p). Hill Hire opened its sixth site last month at Rainham in Essex.

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AER % Gross % Net %

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Dragons seeks to consolidate

BY DOMINIC WALSH

DRAGONS Health Clubs, the AIM-listed fitness club operator, is in discussions with a number of unquoted rivals over merger and acquisition opportunities.

John Trehame, managing director, said yesterday: "The market is going to be subject to a certain amount of consolidation. We're at an advanced stage of negotiations with sev-

eral operators."

He said that Dragons, whose clubs cost between E2 million and £2.5 million to develop, was also considering a move into management contracts. This would enable it to expand without having to invest its own money.

Mr Treharne was speaking as the group reported a 68 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to

THE French Government is expected to transfer its 45.76 per cent stake in Dassault Avi-

ation to Aérospatiale this Dassault to join the future

Aérospatiale-Matra grouping.

known as France Aerospace. It is believed a sharehold

ers' pact has been signed be-

tween the state and Dassault

Industries. Dassault Avia-

tion's main shareholder, con-

trolled by the Dassault family

Under the terms of the pact,

decisions on certain key strate-

gies will be jointly made by Aérospatiale and Dassault Industries. Discussions are continuing on Dassault's entry

into France Aérospace's capital. France Aérospace is sched-

uled to be formed in January

El million in the year to July 31, as new clubs helped to lift turnover by 80 per cent to £7.4 million. Earnings per share reached 9.6p (8.8p) and a final dividend of 1.95p makes 2.9p

During the year it acquired clubs at Brentwood and Gatwick and has just exchanged contracts to acquire its 12th site, in Learnington Spa. It has a further four to six sites in the

Mr Treharne said the group had yet to experience any softening of demand, claiming that the 30 to 45 age profile of its members would defend the group against a downturn in household leisure expenditure. Its shares gained 5p to 1734p.

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Broadcasters draw up World Cup battle plans

Raymond Snoddy on the latest

push to show pay-TV the red card

he European Broad-casting Union the organisation that groups the public broadcast-ers of Europe, is about to launch a continent-wide political campaign to protect the World Cup football finals for terrestrial television.

The EBU, whose members include the BBC, will write to its members later this month urging them to take immediate action to try to persuade their parliaments to take action to protect as many games in the finals as possible from going to pay-

elevision. The move will directly commercial in-Kirch organ-which isation. bought the European rights to both the 2002 and 2006 World Cup finals for a total of \$3.2 bil-

lion (about £1.9 billion). Fifa, the world football governing body, has expressed a preference that the Smith: protected events

2002 finals in Japan and South Korea should appear on terrestrial television. However, the EBU is afraid that in many countries not all games will be available on free-to-air television. The EBU will advise its 60-plus broadcasting mem-bers to follow the UK example and push their governments to protect, at the very least, all the finals games for

terrestrial television. Earlier this year Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport,

tected events to include all the finals, plus the major qualifying games of the home nations. As part of the review of "listed events" cricket was freed to sell some Test matches to subscription television. The EBU will point out to its members that action has to be taken urgently because kirch will begin selling broadcasting rights to the 2002 World Cup finals in the next few months.

Industry analysts believe that Kirch will be forced to sell a significant portion of advance meet the cost

of buying the European rights. In the past the EBU, which buys sports rights on be-half of its member organisations. has always won the European rights. This time, it was outbid by

the commersector. The commer-

rights could mean that ITV might outbid the BBC for the 2002 World Cup rights rather than sharing them with the BBC as has happened in the past.

As the EBU launches its campaign to protect terrestrial television rights across Europe a key question will be the attitude of Fifa, and the ex-tent to which the world body will allow pay-television to dominate, if not in 2002 then in 2006, when the games may be staged in England.

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£1,000-£9,999	3.51	3.55	3.09	3.05	2.44	£2,500-£9,999
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€25,000-£99,999	5.48	5.35	4.96	4.85	3.88
£10,000-£24,999	5.06	4.95	4.54	4.45	3.56
Below £10,000	3.82	3.75	3.30	3.25	2.60

Business Investment Account - Monthly Interest (30 Day Notice)							
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£250,000+	6.06	5.90	5.54	5.40	4.32		
£100,000-£249,999	6.01	5.85	5.48	5.35	4.28		
£25,000-£99,999	5.75	5.60	5.22	5.10	4.08		
£10,000-£24,999	5.22	5.10	4.70	4.60	3.68		
Below £10,000	2.27	2.25	1.76	1:75	1.40		

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£10.000+	4.89	4.80	4,37	4.30	3.44
£1-£9,999	4.52	4.45	4.01	3.95	3.16

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£10,000-£99,999	4.65	4.56	4.14	4.07	3.25	
£2,500-£9,999	3.94	3.87	3.43	3.38	2.70	
£1-£2,499	2.11	2.09	1.61	1.59	1.28	

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£500-£4,999	2.73	2.70	2.22	2.20	1.76
£1-£499	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.80

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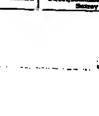
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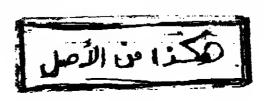
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Greene King cuts its Irish

BY DOMINIC WALSH

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GREENE KING, the East Anglian brewer, has axed Wexford Irish Cream Ale, its nitrokeg bitter, less than three years after a high-profile, £1 million launch.

The decision to drop the brand follows a sharp fall in sales, caused partly by the launch of Greene King XS, a cheaper smoothflow bitter. The company has done a deal with Bass enabling it to supply Caffrey's to its pubs where there is continuing demand for an Irish ale.

A spokesman for the company said yesterday: 'The bottom has dropped out of the Irish market. The brand did very well for a while, but it had passed its peak. It became apparent that demand would only get worse."

According to figures from AC Nielsen, the market re-

search company, in the 12 months to June sales volumes of Caffrey's declined by 4 per cent. However, in a recent research note, Nigel Parson, brewing analyst at WestLB Panmure, said: "Caffrey's has spawned a host of imitators. Many of these are close to withdrawing and Caffrey's could return to growth." Greene King shares fell lp

to 515p yesterday, against a 12-month high of 758½p.

THE restructuring of the European chemicals industry look a major step forward yesterday when Ciba Speciality Chemicals and the rival Clariant announced a merger to form the world's biggest speciality chemicals company.

The two Swiss companies will have a combined market capitalisation of SwFr20.1 billion (£8.7 billion) and annual sales of SwFrI8 billion. Earlier this year Ciba acquired Britain's Allied Col-

loids for £1.42 billion, thwarting a rival offer from Hercules Inc. of the United States. Cost savings arising from the latest merger are expected to enhance annual profils by SwFr600 million by the end of 2001. The deal will trigger

3,000 job cuts from a com-bined workforce of 55,000. The merged company will take the Clariant name, but will adopt Ciba's butterfly trademark as its emblem. The deal is described by the partners as "a merger of equals".

Clariant shareholders will get 54 per cent of the enlarged company and Ciba shareholders 46 per cent. Rolf Schweizer, the Clariant chairman, will be chairman and president, while Rolf Meyer, the Ciba chair-man, will be chief executive and vice-chairman.



Clariant to join Ciba in

£8bn speciality merger

Rolf Schweizer, left, and Rolf Meyer announcing the merger in Baste yesterday

The companies said that they would have a strong plat-form for growth in the core businesses of additives and water treatment, cellulose ethers, process chemicals, fine chemi-

cals and colours. The deal comes amid a consolidation in the specialty chemicals sector, and financial markets have been awash with speculation that the two crosstown rivals based in Basle would have to act boldly to

flourish in an extremely comperitive environment. Clariant was spun off from Sandoz in 1996 before Sandoz and Ciba-Geigy merged into the life sciences giant No-vartis. Novartis itself spun off

Ciba last year. Germany's Hoechst will retain its current 45 per cent stake in Clariant and will hold a stake in the enlarged company. In 1997 Clariant had sales of SwFrIO.1 billion and pre-tax growth.

sation; net sales divided by average invested capital of 1.4: and sales growth of 1.5 times the rate of global economic

profits of SwPrI.03 billion. Ciba Speciality Chemicals had sales of SwFr9 billion and pretax profits of SwFr854 million. After the merger, the new Clariant will set medium-term targets of a 20 per cent margin for earnings before interest.

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Strong demand for France **Telecom**

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

FRANCE'S biggest ever share sale made a strong start yesterday as investors prepared for the Fr60 billion (£6.4 billion) government sale of a second tranche of France Télécom.

Demand for the shares is expected to be strong, fuelled by speculation that the French Government will not further reduce its stake below 62 per cent once the latest tranche is sold. Some 44 million shares will

be sold through a global place-ment with institutional inves-tors. Bookbuilding started yes-terday and will close on November 27 at the latest. A further 32 million will be sold in a fixed-price offer to private in-vestors, in which bids are made in a cash amount instead of in a fixed number of shares.

At current share prices. France Télécom is valued at about Fr370 billion, so the 38 per cent total to be traded on the market represents about Fri40 billion.

The first sale of Télécom stock last October raised about Fr44 billion. Since then the shares have risen sharply from the launch price of Fr187. Yesterday they traded close to Fr370, at the upper end of the expected price range for the

Viag plans shake-up to sharpen focus

BUSINESS NEWS

VIAG, the German diversified utility, announced a big restructuring yesterday, proposing a succession of divestments as it seeks to focus on chemicals, packaging, energy and telecoms. The company is to sell its logistics division and is already in talks with potential buyers of its Kloeckner & Co steel trading subsidiary. Separately, it is negotiating the sale of its 30 per cent stake in Kuchne & Nagle to the Swiss ship-

ping group's founder.

Nine-month pre-tax profits at Viag rose 17 per cent rise to DM2.55 billion (£914 million), helped by the sale of its Computer 2000 subsidiary in America to Tech Data. At the operating level, profits rose 11 per cent, to DM2.46 billion. The company said: "For the full year 1998 we expect — despite a more unfavourable economic environment and expected start-up losses in European telecommunications — a further rise in operating profit." The group said that full-year pre-tax profits should increase markedly too.

NFF advances 24%

NFF, the food manufacturer, yesterday announced pre-tax profits up 24 per cent to £630,000, before exceptionals, for the six months to September 30. However, turnover fell to £16.28 million (£16.95 million). Philip Wilbraham, chairman, said that current Christmas trading at the group is positive and noted that it was the fourth consecutive time that earnings have increased by nearly 25 per cent. Earnings per share before exceptionals rose to 1.03p, from 0.83p, and there is an increased interim dividend of 0.16p (0.1p).

BG appointment

BRITISH GAS has replaced Simon Lewis, its former corporate affairs director, who is now working for the Queen. Mr Lewis is to be succeeded by Charles Naylor, head of corporate affairs at Amerada Hess. Mr Naylor, 42, will start next month. Mr Lewis is on a two-year secondment to Buckingham Palace. Roy Gardner, chief executive of Centrica, British Gas's parent company, said Mr Lewis would return to a senior managerial role when he had finished at the Palace.

Carr's Milling in red

CARR'S MILLING INDUSTRIES, the agriculture, food and engineering group, blamed "continuing extensive problems" in the agriculture sector for its first pre-tax loss in more than five years. The agriculture division of the company saw last year's £2.1 million profit turned into an operating loss of £300,000 for the year to August 29. The group as a whole announced a pretax loss of £1.8 million (£3.7 million profit), on turnover of £97.1 million (£101 million). The final dividend is 2p (8.5p).

Student loans shortlist

THREE bidders have been shortlisted for the Government's second sale of £1 billion of student loans after indicative bids submitted by NM Rothschild, advisers to the Government. The shortlisted bidders are Barclays Capital, a consortium of Deutsche Bank and Nationwide Building Society, and Greenwich NatWest. They will be issued with an information memorandum and have been asked to submit final bids by January, with the sale expected to be completed by March 1999.

French connection could DCC bullish as computer secure London Electricity services leads growth

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BIDS for London Electricity closed yesterday amid signs that Electricité de France had outbid British Energy. Other bidders have failed to offer a realistic price in the race that could see London Electricity

sold for nearly £2 billion. However, EdF may not have a clear run because of political sensitivities. The French state-owned company may have to offer an attractive deal

on the interconnector link between France and the UK. Apart from occasional instances, the link has operated

one-way traffic, with the French pumping subsidised nuclear power into Britain. The Government could be keen to reverse the procedure and therefore expand the opportunities for electricity production and, importantly, the

If British Energy loses London Electricity it is likely that it would quickly turn its atten-tions elsewhere. It has been in discussions with Seeboard, the southeastern regional company majority owned by Southern Company of the US.

Seeboard has been lined up as one of British Energy's fall-back positions as the company moves to get a foot in the supply market. SHARES in DCC, the Irish conglomerate whose products range from healthfood to wheelchairs, surged yesterday after a 30 per cent rise in interim profits and a bullish trad-

Pre-tax profits rose to Ir£16.8 million (£15.1 million) for the first half, from Ir£12.9 million last time, and turnover increased 20 per cent to Ir£367.7 million. The shares

rose from 375p to 435p in the London market.

The growth was driven by DCC's computer services division, where operating profits were up 58 per cent. Operating profits also rose 53 per cent in DCC's energy arm, which sup-

BY ADAM JONES

plies gas and distributes oil. DCC Food benefited from growing demand for healthfoods, ground coffee and wine in Ireland. Although profits advanced 9 per cent, margins in the healthcare arm were hit by a changing product mix, as sales favoured rehabilitation equipment rather than highermargin wheelchairs and scoot-

ers for the elderly. Earnings per share rose from Ir12.15p to Ir16.15p. An interim dividend of 1r4.25p (1r3.52p) has been declared.

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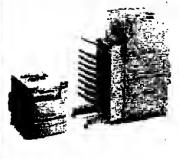
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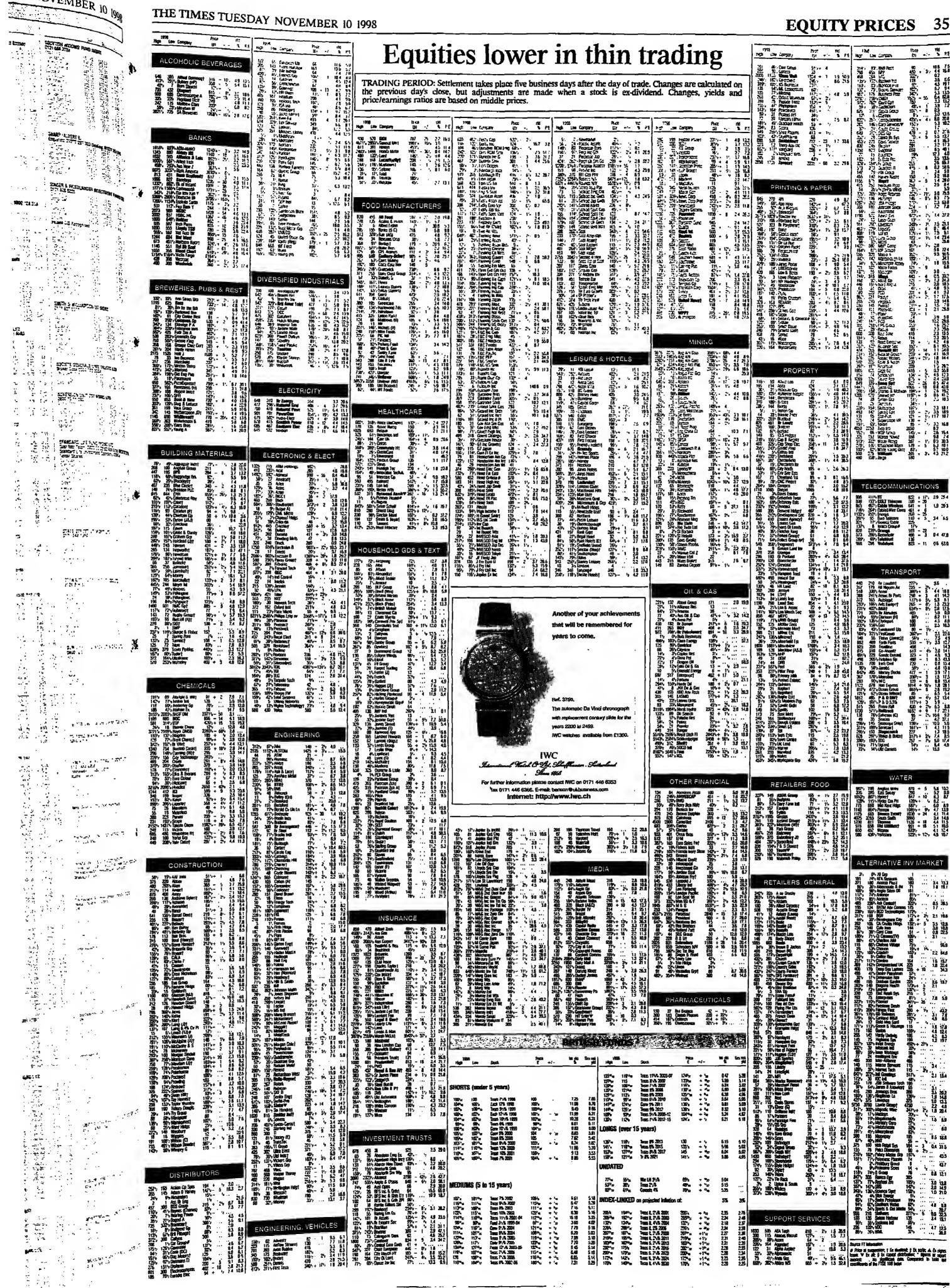
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THEATRE Terrence McNally staged in London

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With a little help from the stars, Kilburn's theatre is now also a cinema and an art studio. Andy Lavender reports

The Tricycle moves up a gear

ilburn High Road is the bustling thor-oughfare that goes don from genteel Maida Vale through the Irish pubs of Kil-burn and Cricklewood and then on to the myriad superstore delights of Staples Corner. Halfway along, as you stew in the traffic, you come across an outpost of art: the Tricycle Theatre and Art Gallery, which since opening in 1980 has based its reputation on a canny mix of trish drama, black theatre and political drama (notably Half the Picture, staging the Scott in-

quiry).

If you are stuck in your car this Thursday evening you might spot a flurry of activity. Emma Thompson will be opening the new Tricycle Cinema, housed in a chic glass and

We feel that the regeneration of any neighbourhood can be led by the arts?

limestone structure. The gala evening features nothing less than the British premiere of The Negotiator, starring Samuel L. Jackson and Kevin Spacey. This glamorous inauguration is a triumph for the venue, for Nicolas Kent, its artistic director of 14 years, and, we might say, for the good peo-ple of Kilburn themselves.

Kent had the idea for the new development only three years ago, walking along the street. There used to be five cinemas on the High Road - one of which, the State, was once Europe's largest. And then, in an era of falling audiences and spreading bingo halls, there

The Tricycle stands next to a funeral parlour which recently changed hands. Kent inquired about the yard which was used to park the hearses. Why not build a cinema there and, at a leap, increase the Tricy-

cle's value to its community? A speculative idea soon became a viable business proposition. Kent turned to Emma Thompson, a local resident who has helped the Tricycle's fundraising activities in the past. She banged the drum in Hollywood, and with spectacular results: Schwarzenegger.



Finishing touches going on Kilburn's new Tricycle Cinema: Schwarzenegger, Gibson, Hanks and Hoffman are among the stars who have chipped in

Hanks, Gibson and Hoffman have all given money, and Keni persuaded a number of British film and theatre personalities to pitch in as well. Their largesse has allowed the Tricycle to stake its part of the E3 million budgel for the project, though most of the funding (some £2.38 million)

comes from the lottery.
The architect is Tim Foster. who designed the rebuilt Tricyde after it was destroyed by a fire in 1987. "He's got a tremendous visual imagination." Kent enthuses, as he points to the elegant butterfly roof, the stainless steel finishes and the

sandstone floor. The interior design, he says, not without reason, is "cool but long-lasting and sensational; everything's kept very simple, very stylish, substantial".

You might say the same of the new cinema's programming, which bears the marks of Kent's speciality: connecting the arts with local people. "This is the most multicultural community in Europe," he says, "Ninety languages are spoken in this borough. We've decided to concentrate on one main film each week, but it will be a good independent

movie. We won't be showing

Terminator I to 3." In addition, Saturday lunchomes will be devoted to family films. to tie in with children's shows in the theatre in the morning and afternoon. Asian movies will be shown in a "Bollywood" slot on Sunday lunchtimes. Later on Sunday the cinema will show subnitled films. And Thursday afternoons will be

for black-and-white classics. "We're going to do an Irish film festival, inevitably, says Kent, "Michael Hannigan of the Cork Film Festival is going to programme it for us. We will also have some black film seasons, and I'm hoping to

hold an African-Caribbean fesnval fairly soon."

The cinema shares a bar with the theatre, but Kent inlends the different parts of the building to "cross-fertilise" in other ways too. In the new vear ne will direct *the* Co*tou* of Justice, a reconstruction of the Stephen Lawrence inquiry. edited by Richard Norion-Tayfor [who adapted the Scott Inquiry). "I hope that people who see, for instance. The Negoliator, might well then say: 'Ah. you're doing the Lawrence inquiry. We've never been to the theatre, but we'll certainly come to that."

At which point other Kentish good ideas come into play. The Tricycle pioneered "pay what you can "evenings. These are now sponsored by Loot the free ads newspaper based along the road in Kilburn) to the tune of E9.000 a year, and the paper has committed another £10,000 to back a similar scheme in the new cinema.

duced the Tricycle Club Card for young people (aged 14 to 26) resident in the borough (Brent). The card lets its holder see a film or play on any week-day evening for £2 and £1.50 respectively, couriesy of a grant

from the Arts Council's Arts

for Everyone scheme.
"What's interesting is that they book and then turn up." says Kenl. "There's no difference between having a Gold Card and having this son of card. Well, there is one difference: you don't pay in advance with this."

Like some urban Robin Hood, he gives to the poor with one hand and takes from the rich with the other. Hollywood stars are not the only people to back the Tricycle. Cameron Mackiniosh has endowed a rehearsal room in the new development. The Cohen Charitable Trust has given £30.000 towards the Paint Box, a visual arts studio which will be used by an artist in residence working with 12 selected schoolchildren — to see, says



All roads lead to North London for Thursday's gala

Kent, whether Kilburn can produce "the next Hockney". And it comes as little surprise to discover that Kent is a member of the Kilburn Partnership, an initiative estab-lished by Brent and Camden councils to "do something" about the polluted, dingy High Road. "It's a question of providing facilities for people. making the road look more beautiful, making transport easier, making it safer.

"Business people are as enthusiastic as everyone else about it being arts-led, which is great. We feel that regeneration can come through the arts." Even the Victorian railway bridge is to be repainted by Railtrack to designs by the theatre designer Ralph Koltai.

Kent points to other entirements. The nightlife is amazing here." he says. "It's very Mannattan ways: it has that terrific buzz." Eyebrows may rise at this claim - except that Kent has said whimsical things in the past and, lo, they become reality. Kilburn, the new Manhaitan? That would be worth the Iraffic jam.

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WHETHER through miscal-

culation or sheer accident, P.J. Crook became associated early in her career with that rath-er worrying breed of sophisti-catedly naive artists, those who pretend to be much simpler than they are for the sake of cuteness. In her latest show, though, there is little that is cute and much that is cuting. What she paints are mostly everyday scenes: of commuters walled behind their newspapers, of crowded lunch counters, of people at racetracks or in fairgrounds or dancing. The colours are pas-tel and the details often fanciful, but this time there are hardly any out-and-out fantasies - only one angel and one room with a zebra at the door. Even when such characters oc-cur, they are validated by be-ing locked into a personal reality of the surrealist kind. Theo Waddington, 5a Cork Street, WI (0171-584 0667), un-

er artist who has been accused of wilful naivety. In his case it is no doubt to do with his allegiance to a school of genuinely untutored artists [Alfred Wallis, Ben Nicholson and Christopher Wood) whose work is associated with the sea, and the flotsam and jetsam thrown up on our shores. He does somenmes use for appears to use found objects from the seashore, but they are always carved and painted, and reassembled into mostly small, icon-like works, benefiting from his strong and subtle sense of how simple elements like hooks and bones and feathers can be juxtaposed to achieve complex results. Art First, 9 Cork Street, WI (0171-734 (3366), until Nov 26.

□ WILL MACLEAN is anoth-

☐ IN THE 1960s Phillip King was one of the most prominent figures in new Brirish sculpture. More recently he has tended to stand a little back, to the extent of becoming almost reclusive. But that does not mean he has been inactive. His show of new sculpture is full of wayward invention. Most of the pieces are smallish, free-standing, and the first impression is that you can hardly guess what they are made of. One at least is of cast aluminium, but visually it is not distinguishable from the mixtures all round of things like wood, metal, ceramic, plaspaper which lends itself to moulding. The titles are whimsical and enigmatic, but the creative energy is potent. Bernard Jacobson. 14a Clifford Street, W1 (0171-495 8575) until Nov 26

> JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

he Cape Town-born drummer Louis Moholo and the American trumpeter Lester Bowie are both great musical spark plugs. Each is justly revered not only as a crucial energising presence at the heart of in Moholo's case - the London jazz scene in the late 1960s and 1970s, and - in Bowie's that of Chicago in the same period, but also as a mosician with ears wide open to all manner of contemporary sounds and the versarility to add his own contribution to them. A meeong between the two

was thus a mouth-watering prospect. On the one hand there was Moholo's African Drum Orchestra, a 15-piece percussion-heavy ootfil that celebrates the position of the drum at the heart of contemporary music. On the other was Bowie's trumper, as adept at contributing its oniquely puckish, unpredictable sound to the freeform adventurousness

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of the Art Ensemble of Chicago as to the witty avant-pop of his Brass Fantasy.

Their initial performance as a duo, however, immediately set alarm bells ringing. It seems somewhat illogical, even perverse, to crincise what

In Memoriam

music for being under-rehearsed. But, in their slow musical circling of each other --Moholo alternately panering and rumbling while Bowie interspersed snatches of strident melody with his customary smears, spurts and grunts had even discussed common ground, let alone worked out a means of occupying it. The arrival on stage of the orchestra's vocalist. Francine Luce. with a non-verbal repertoire of shrieks, sighs, growls and bursts of scar, plus a selection of calls and the odd quotation. added numerous welcome ex-tra textures to the overall sound, but did little to clarify the music.

The presence of the entire en-

semble in the concern's second half — a row of percussionists playing talking drums, all manner of hand drums. chimes, and rattles, plus savoohonist Jason Yarde, marimplayer Orphy Robinson and a keyboard/electric bass rhythm section — again prom-ised at least textural and dynamic variety, but it was not forthcoming. Individual drum sounds and lextures were indistinguishable in the disor-ganised, galomphing free-forall that ensued, and the sudden hectoring recitation of a litany of oddly ill-assorted names — Desmond Totu, Ella Fitzgerald, Sieve Biko and Billie Holiday among them struck a note of incongruity rather than making the sociopolitical point that it was clear-

y intended to make. There was the odd flash, in the encore somewhat puzzlingly demanded by a vocifernos aodience, of Bowie's musical wit at last finding some point of contact with Moholo's fiercely energetic drumming, but it was too little, too late.

CHRIS PARKER

Cut off in his prime

ly. For almost an hour Ru-Wainwright entertained us with his losh and looche show tones before a iobsworth marched onstage and told him he had five minutes left. So he sang Foolish Love Cit's seven minutes long and I'm going to play it real slow." he derlared; and then the microphones were disconnected - before Wainwright had left the stage. Paying customers were ordered to leave. and found themselves on the payement of Leicester Square ar 10.30 on a Saturday night.

was a disastrous advert for London's newest rock venue. On the way out I asked the manager for an explanation: was it a security problem or a licensing requirement" Not at all. The club had another booking at 11pm, she explained. adding that Waimvright's annovance at his treatment was the behaviour of a prima donna. Despite its prime location m Leicester Square, Sound Republic will sorely soon find it-self out of hosiness if it continoes to treat audiences and artists in such a cavalier fashion. In his meagre hour, Wainwright proved why his self-ti-

fled debut album has been critically acclaimed. There is simply nobody in contemporary pop quite like him. The son of respected folkies Loudon Wainwright and Kate McGarrigle, he has eschewed following in their musical footsteps and instead embraced the world of 1930s mosicals, with George Gerslwin and Cole Poriet as his reference points.

Seated at the plants, he gave

us sweeping slices of pop meh-drama on Matinee Idol and

April Fools. When he switched

Rufus Wainwright Sound Republic

to guitar, supported by the harmonies of sister Mariha, there was inevitably a folkier feel and even a hint of his father in the nasal voice. It was all delivered with an engaging hu-mour, "One of us had better

Even now, with a whole raft of their 1980s peers on the comeback trail. Banhaus still look and sound impressively ageless and original. Their tribal beats and abrasively detuned guitars may have been absorbed into the common grammar of pop, but there was finde evidence of Post-Modern nostalgia, the band's singer Peter Murphy might still owe a heavy debt to David Bowie, but he never tapsed

to be upset," he quipped when introducing his sister. And then he was gone. Wain-

wright's evening was completed when the two nearest pubs barred their doors to him as it was by now the late, late hour of 10.50pm. Who could blame him if he declined to play sleepy London town again?

Perhaps because Bauhaus

were always more of a cult

than a mainstream band, the

show lacked the crowd-pleas-

matic singles incloding She's

in Parties and The Passion of

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ous reaction was reserved for

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WILLIAMSON

Past masters into self-parody during an elec-

IN THE early 1980s, Bauhaus were one of Britain's most retrifying 90-minute set. vered cult bands. Pioneering a raw post-ponk sound as spiky and jagged as their cheekbones, this etiolated Northing cosiness of a greatest hits package. It balanced melodraampion quartet enjoyed four preditic years of fringe success before disbanding in 1983. Bot this summer, after 15 years of silence and obscure solo ballad Hollow Hills and the disco-linged howl of Kick in the Eve. But the most rapturprojects, the band reonited for a cluich of low-key American dates. Their reception was warm, but it scarcely anticipated the hysteria which greeted the first of two packed shows at London's Brixton Academy Bolan's Telegrum Sum and Bowie's Ziggy Stardust. on Saturday night.

Baohaos are reminders of an era when experimentation and performance art were part of pop's staple diet. But even their most self-consciously thearrical nomber. Bela Lugosi's Dead, proved more fascinating for its primitive techno beat than for its grand guignot lyric about vampires and virtrionic climax to a triomphant evening of designer darkness.

STEPHEN DALTON

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in conjunction with BBC Radio 3 ■ BRITTEN'S YOUNG PERSON'S GUIDE TO THE ORCHESTRA

Reviewed by Chris de Souza BRITTEN composed The Young Person's Guide for an edocational film in 1946. A character piece, it rapidly established itself as a favourite in its own right, with its wit and resourceful expluitation of

srand.

Leonard Bernstein (Sony Classical) tries to turn it into another Pomp and Circumstunce March. Britten may have been celebrating Purcell's 250th anniversary, hur pompous this music isn't. With the LSO (Decca) Britten floats the phrases of Purcell's tune like vaulted arches. Britten's recording is an object lesson in observing the compos-er's intentions. Vintage play-ing, literally — recorded in 1964 - the quality of sound is now more or less a thing of the past. Britten was an expert orchestrator and write brilliant ly for each instrument. He did not demand the impossible. hut you do need players who are on the ball

Neeme Järvi (BIS) pushes the Bergen Philharmonic beyond its capability, and does not give doe weight to the score, ti you want spoken narration. Dorati and the Royal Philharmonic (London) boast Sean Connery as narrator, and a characterfol job he makes of it. Bernstein has the passages designed for voiceover, but carelessly hasn't pro-

vided a voice. The inimitable Dame Edna Everage [Naxost points op the disadvantage of the text — the orchestra has to live on to it. The Melbourne Symphuny Orchestra under John Lanchbery is fine as far as it goes, but wooldn't describe their cellos as "gorgeoos". Dame Edna is. though and the recording is worth having for her alone.

Sir Charles Groves's 1977 recording with the RLPO [EMI] is acceptable, but the lower strings lack weight and the hrass and percussion variations lack edge. Doran's wilful approach isn't softened by the rather shrill balance. As for the New York Phil, things get steadily more hard driven. The English Symphony Or-chestra onder William Boughton (Nimbos) creates a wonderful atmosphere, helped hy a wide acoustic. But Sir Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Or-chestra (EMI CDC 5 553942. [15,44] have the edge over them in clarity of detail. helped by a finely focused bulance. In spite of its age. Britten's own recording with the USO trumps the lot for sheer exultation, though when the trombones enter magisterially with Purcell's tune. Ranle and the CBSO snatch the triumphant wreath.

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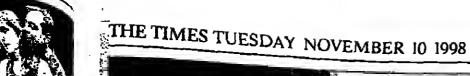
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Visions of country living: in La Meridienne, painted in 1866. Millet's snoozing harvesters take their noonday repose in a softly lit landscape. In his more challenging version, Siesta, Van Gogh's pair seem less protected from the glare of the sun

f all the artists who revoludonised Western paint-ing in the late 19th century, Van Gogh might seem the most headlong. But his audacious originality was under-pinned by a profound respect for the past. Rembrandt, Delacroix and Van Gogh's own teacher. Anton Mauve, were among the artists he venerated. His favourite, though, remained to the end of his life Jean-François Millet. And a revelatory exhibition devoted to his love of Millet is now, with epic queues clogging the Musee d'Orsay to see it, the outright hit of the

season in Paris. When Van Gogh suddenly decided to abandon his native Holland for Paris in 1886, Millet had been dead for just over a decade. But his paintings of French country life were widely popular, and a retrospective survey of Millet's work reinforced Van Gogh's admiracon. Having already painted the impoverished miners and weavers of his own country, he respected Miller's commitment to peasant scenes. Defying the orthodox belief that workers on the land were not a worthy subject for high art, Millet was regarded in conservative quarters as a dangerous radical. But his emphasis on the toughness of peasant labour, especially in the unusual grimness of The Man with the Hoe, reflected his fatalism rather than

Vincent's sincere flattery any incendiary political convictions. **VISUAL ART: Richard Cork** joins the Paris queues for the Van Gogh, an evangelical pas-

tor's son whose early years were dominated by intense religious beliefs, shared Millet's dedication to the natural world. And after he turned south, finding his boldest voice in the heat and light of Provence, Van Gogh turned to Millet again and again. The Musee d'Orsay exhibition displays the two men's paintings and graphic work side by side, concentrating above all on the Millet images Van Gogh chose to copy. The fieriness of his interpretations might have made Millet's originals look tame. If anything, though, the older man survives this high-risk encounter with his reputation enhanced.

Van Gogh's versions prompt us to look again at images as over-fa-miliar as Millet's 1850 painting of A Sower, and appreciate their raw vigour. Nothing could be more dour than the gaunt, big-boned peasant who strides across the shadowy furrows, battling to ensure that his seeds lodge in the cold earth. Van Gogh paid homage to this archetypal figure in a number of versions,

not all as powerful as Millet's. But in 1888 he finally managed to transform his source by placing his sower against a blaring Provençal sun, more exuberant by far than Mil-

let's gloomy canvas. in 1889 Van Gogh produced an extended series of small canvases, each containing a peasant scene based directly on Millet. Shown in Paris on the same wall as the pictures that inspired them, they make an absorbing comparison. Millet's quiet, meditative dignity becomes charged with rugged vitality in Van Gogh's versions, where labourers attack the corn with astonishing energy. Their thick contours and flaring colours make Millet appear subdued, but he retains an authentic,

heartfelt poetry of his own. In the end, though, Van Gogh offers a more challenging vision of the countryside. Millet's image of two harvesters snoozing under a haystack is a tender scene, empha-

sising noonday repose in an untrou-bled, softly lit landscape. But Van Gogh's version, Siesta, is far less consoling. Although the two figures remain asleep, they seem less protected from the blaze of the merciless blue sky. It irradiates the cornfield so fiercely that the haystacks appear on the point of catching fire.

y giving Lorenzo Lotto the accolade of a major retrospective, the Grand Palais hopes to boost his reputation. To a certain extent, it succeeds. Often dismissed as a minor master. Lotto is here hailed as "an unquiet genius of the Italian Renaissance". But the artist who emerges is strangely uneven, brilliant at times yet disappointing when he tackles the ultimate challenge of large-scale altarpieces.

Born in Venice, and belonging to the same generation as Giorgione and Titian, Lotto was undeniably

season's hottest shows, beginning with Van Gogh and Millet gifted. Two early panels, an Allegory and A Maiden's Dream, are suffused with a lyrical awareness of riend of Degas and teacher life's mystery and melancholy. The evident influence of Bellini may help to explain why Lotto found scant employment in Venice itself.

> personality becomes apparent.
> It conveys a restless, often troubled vision. The agonised St Jerome lurches across the canvas in an impulsive diagonal, ready to beat himself with the stone gripped in his hand. The Christ child threatens to topple off the Virgin's lap as he lunges towards St Catherine, eager to place a ring on her finger in a mystic marriage. Lotto counters this unease by orchestrating his religious paintings with brilliant, sensual colours, at their finest as seductive as Titian. The Virgin and Child with Saints Catherine and

But as he obtained commissions

elsewhere, in cities like Jesi, Recana-

ti and Ancona, a more individual

Thomas, on loan from Vienna, is an exceptionally beguiling image. Executed in the late 1520s, when Lotto was at his most assured, it must be among the loveliest European paintings of the period.

of Matisse, Gustave Moreau was no enemy of originality in art. But he became, after his initial success in the Paris salons of the 1850s, utterly removed from Impressionism and its successors. By the time he died in 1898, Moreau had retreated into an intensely private world steeped in complex allusions to religion and mythology. It gives his exhibition at the Grand Palais a feverish fascination, filled with macabre fantasies and a fin-de-siècle emphasis on sacrificial doom.

The bizarre side of his imagination surfaced early, in a large painting of Oedipus and the Sphinx which caused a furore at the 1864 Salon. A full-breasted young woman, the winged creature is attached limpet-like to Oedipus's semi-na-ked body. With one hind leg thrust

into his groin, the sphinx gives the picture a strong sense of erotic provocation. But Moreau's handling is tight, linear and indebted at this stage to Ingres. The preliminary studies displayed here demonstrate formidable property of description. formidable powers of draughts-manship, and only later does Moreau's attitude to paint become

It emerges at first in small canvases, like the marvellously free and romantic image of a rider hurtling across an empty plain. Even more dashing than Delacroix, the picture is dominated by a sky alive with astonishing broken brushmarks. But by the time he tackled his most notorious subject. Salome. Moreau was prepared to display his more experimental impulses on

the grand scale. The increasingly obsessive Moreau makes his nearest British equivalent, Burne-Jones, seem anaemic by comparison. But he is guilty of atrocious overworking in his final tour de force, a clotted composition called Jupiter and Semele. Unlike his graphic work, this looming nightmare of a painting proves that the elderly Moreau did not know when to stop.

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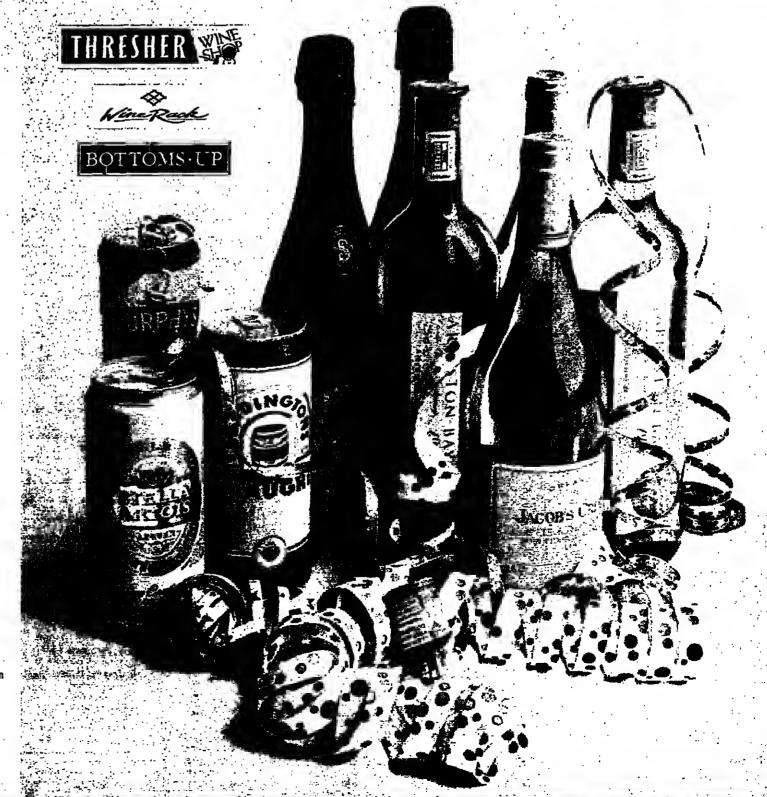
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tongue to the current scene. Playhouse (0171-839 4401). Tonight, 8pm. Until November 21. (5) BE MY BASY: Eleanor Bron and Diana Quick play in Amende Whit-ington's 80-minute drams about single mothers and adoption back in 1965, Abigail Monts Grects.

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Poignant wit from Jackie Mason at the Playhouse

MAHLER THE SPECTACLE: This MAHLER THE SPECTACLE: This comprehensive journey through Mehler's symphories reaches the Third tonight. Vari Termitiannov conducts the Proyal Philiamnovic Orchestra joined by the soprano Gall Glimore, the London Symphony Chorus and the Christ Church Cathedral School Cramber Choir, Albert Hall (0171-599 8212). Tonight, 7.30pm, §

(FRUE), GARDEN: The Rambert season continues with the first of six performances of Lindsay Kernp and Christopher Bruce's pession-filled evocation of the site of the poet Lorde. Sedier's Wells (0171-713 6000). Tonight, 8pm. (2)

ELSEWHERE

BATH: The renowned German baritorie Olaf Bär provides this year's vocal Interfude at the Mozarthesi. Accompenied by the planist Julius Drate he gives a recital of Lieder by Mozart, Schumann, Brahms and Richard Strauss. Guildhall (Box Office: 01225 463362). Tonight, 7.30pm.

OXFORD: Max Stations-Clark's line production of Timberlets Wenten-baker's modern classic, Our Country's Good, set in an Australian

LIVERPOOL: First stop for the tour of the britisht junk opera Stackheaded Peter, screechingly sung by the felsetic tric the Tiger Lillies. Royal Court (0151-708 4775). Opens lonight, 8pm. (§)

NEW WEST END SHOWS

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sounds remarkably like the famous ledy. Jermyn Street (0171-287-2875).

THE INVENTION OF LOVE: John Wood plays the sged A.E. Housman witting his early self in Tom Stopperd's glittering play. West End transfer for Richard Eyre's National Theatre production. Theatre production. Theatre Royal, Haymarket(0171-930

☐ TROILUS AND CRESSIDA: Michael Boyd directs William Houston and Jayne Ashbourne in Shakespear's cynical tragleomad; Pit (0171-838 8891).

☐ AMADEUS: David Suchet plays Salien Michael Sheen as Mozart in Peter Hall's strongly cast production of the Shaller play. Old Vic (0171-926 7616).

■ THE MAN WHO THINKS HE'S IT: As a study in embarrassment Steve Coogan has no equal An inventive show that a rather heavy on the tollat

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the latest movies

NEW RELEASES

ANTZ (PG): Neurotic and finds himself a war herd. Ingenious computer-generated animation, matched to the voices of Woody Allen, Sharon Stone and Sylvester Statione. OIRLS TOWN (15): High-school

ltenagers develop girl power. Awkward and punchy American Independent film, with Lili Taytor. Glasgow alcoholic begins an awkward romance with a healthcare worker, Impassioned marvel from director Ken Loach, With Peter Multan and Louise Goodell.

THE PLAYERS CLUB (18): Lively but dishevelled tale of a single mother who gets in trouble working as a stripper. Written and directed by rapper turned-actor for Cube.

SNAKE EYES (15): Nicolas Cage's with lots of technical rezzle-da from director Brian De Palma.

CURRENT

THE EXORCIST (18): The Devil takes possession of 14-year-old Linda Blair. A milestone in move horror,

re-released on its 25th anniversary. With Ellen Burstyn, Juson Miller, and Max von Sydow.

FUNNY GAMES (18): Two trenagent take a holidaying family hostage. Cool, precise thriller from Austrian director Michael Haneke that tries to play games with audience expectations. With Susanne Lother, Unter Mühre, Frank Gelring.

I WANT YOU (18): Obsessive love in a seaside town, Styligh Images from one of our hollest directors. Michael Winterbottom; but a paltry story. With Rachel Weisz, Alessandro Nivola, and

PRIMARY COLORS (15): John Travolta's Presidential candidate runs into sex scandels. Very polished political saline, outstripped by recent events. With Emma Thompson.

STILL CHAZY (15): A long-disban 70s rock group attempt a contaback Mildly pleasant British comedy, with

SMALL SOLDIERS (PG): Action figures implanted with US Datence department chips give suburbla a hard time. Inventive tensity tim faced with adult satire. Joe Dante directs.



Not waving but drowning: Paul Kemp and Amanda Royle in Terrence McNally's gripping journey of self-discovery

Grinding to a halt

ne man moving his hand in the pool, one man turning a page of the Herald Tribune, one woman painting the land-scape, one woman bringing coffee from the house — and all performing these acdons so very slowly that when the aching ly sweet aria from Cost fan tutte draws towards its close, and the gestures slowly quicken to normal speed, it is as though a spell that has caught us all, both them and us, is gently lifting.

This is the unforgettable opening to Terrence McNally's 1990 play, set on the terrace of a beach-house on Fire Island, the long-established gay resort off the Long Is-land coast. Unlike their neighbours. whom we never see, the two couples in the play are heterosexual, married, and not at ease in this environment. But the painter has been left the house by her dead brother and she and her husband, apparently searching the pool for HIV germs, have invited his sister and her husband to come

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and celebrate the Fourth of July. Griefs ignored and loves unspoken lie all around. McNally well understands how people shrink from sharing their fears, either covering feelings with trivial chatter - the coffee-making Chloe (Lucy Tregear) never stops offering muffins, ice cream and alcohol - or hiding what is fragile deep inside themselves. Chloe's husband John (Stuart Fox) ends a reply to a well-meant but inadequate remark from his brother-in-law Sam (Paul Kemp) with an unaffectionate "my friend", precisely how these words are now used to mean their opposite.

But the flow of naturalistic dialogue is regularly halted, and while three charac-

ters freeze or go on repeating their last line the fourth speaks from the heart. This allows revelations, and is the only way we could share Sam's astonished observation of two men having sex in the bushes and concluding that this, too, is love.

That is because the day and night they spend in the house of a man whose gayness none of them likes to dwell upon is a journey to openness. Amanda Royle's Sally is the first to grasp this, after realising that she has watched a man wave goodbye to the house and swim out to sea to drown. The interweaving concerns of this foursome as they eat, shower, fight, reminisce and at last accept flags from their dancing neighbours is beautifully revealed by Auriol Smith's direction, and a cast alert to the power of nuance to hurt or reassure. And in case you were wondering, the othe is the advice doctors give sleepers prone to teeth-grinding.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Salute to Percy

nd are there Laming-tons still for tea? Those tempong little Australian mountains of coconut had all vanished by the time I arrived at St John's. They had doubtless been wolfed down by the most deserving: those who had stayed the course from a Saturday morning of Country Gardens and The Gumsuckers' March from the Kneller Hall Band; to a demonstration of the Kangaroo Pouch Free Music Machine: 10 the first, cracking London per-formance of Ride with an Idle Whip: through to a six-hand piano version of the undanceable, virtually unplayable, and certainly unhearable pro-to-ballet score, *The Warriors*.

This was London's first in-

ternational Grainger Week-end Muddled and obsessive Percy Grainger might have been, but anyone who wrote an essay on The Culturizing Possibilities of the Instrumen-tally Supplemented A Capella Chord, and arranged Debussy's Pagodes for harmonium can't be all bad.

Grainger also introduced the use of the wax cylinder pho-nograph to the collection, and transcription of at least 500 British folk songs. And his set-tings of the folk music he so lovingly and idealistically collected formed the high point of this weekend. Two evening gala concerts strove to do them justice: entirely successfully in the ten hands of Penelope Thwaites, John Lavender, Wayne Marshall. Rhondda Gillespie and Antony Gray in Sunday's Multi-Piano Extravaganza; and fitfully so in Saturday's vocal expedition 'To Brigg Fair and beyond'.

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Rural worthies, unsung but

for Grainger's zeal, such as Joseph Taylor of Saxby-All Saints, Samuel Stokes of Retford and John Perring of Dartford, were celebrated in settings of the songs they sang to him. Brigg Fair. The British Waterside. Shallow Brown: here Grainger's piano writing. most eloquently played by Thwaites, would wander in those unique harmonic knottings which set the artless beauty of the melodies into rich relief. And particularly so in the voice of tenor James Gilchrist. It was just a pity that the programme book contained no song texts. For with the overdone regional accenting of Stephen Varcoe, and the shrill histrionics of Della Jones, both verbal and musi-

cal language often became dreadfully blurred. One of Grainger's Danish settings, a musical quarre) called Hubby and Wifey. made a second appearance on Sunday, nicely entangled with a song called Choosing the Brue in the two-piano, sixhand version of his Jutish Medley. This concert also presented the cacophonous Random Round, and a new and arriully authenoic arrangement for ten hands by Barry Peter Ould of Grainger's Keel Row, originally set for choir, or-chestra and whistlers.

HILARY FINCH

Balanced beauty

f anything might conceivably be missing from the piano part in a Mozart concerto, Paul Badura-Skoda is the soloist to fill it in. In his performance of the Piano Concerto in E flat major, K482, with Kent Nagano and the Hallé Orchestra, he was orelessly active in this respect. His cadenzas (in the absence of any by the composer himself) were both stylish and imaginative, his linear decora-tion tasteful, his added harmonies unobtrusive, his selfless support of the orchestral bass line indisputably authentic.

What was not conceivably missing was the Variations on Ah vous dirai-je Maman. K265, which he spontaneously presented to the audience immediately afterwards. An encore is one thing, a solo recital another, wittily executed though the Variations were. Among the dozens of Mozart solo piano pieces, it would not have been hard to find one of such modest proportions as to fit into a well-constructed orchestral programme without distorting it.

Nagano had made an unexceptional but nicely balanced choice of music for this concert in the Bridgewater Hall. Beginning with Haydn's Symphony No 84 in E flat and in-

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cluding the Mozart Piano Concerto in the same key, it culmi-nated in Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony. Not very far back in Halle history it would have been an unwise combination. In his seven years as musical director, however, Nagano has transformed the orchestra to such an extent that it is now as competent in the classical repertoire as it traditionally has been in the large-scale works of later periods. The Haydn symphony might have been a little disappointing, but that is because, frankly, it is not the most interesting of the composer's mature works.

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Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony inspired an unusually dramatic interpretation. It was also unusually symphonic in that the first movement cohered far more successfully under that operatic kind of pressure than it does in more restrained circumstances. Sensitively coloured as well as emotionally emphatic, it was a highly accomplished and thoroughly convincing performance.

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Employers who disregard human rights laws can be sued if they have a UK base, which may reduce the number of mining disasters in South Africa

How Britain can stop exploitation overseas

been unable to work for the past 12 years. He has throat cancer and his larynx has been removed. Speaking is a struggle; almost as much as that for compensation against his former employer. Once a maintenance fitter, Mr Connelly now lives near Glasgow. But from 1977 to 1982 he worked for the Rio Tinto Zinc group of companies, at the Rossing uranium mine near Swakopmund in Namibia.

inere ne worked with mary ore crushers, huge hydraulic hammers that smash uranium ore into fragments. His job, carried out in a cloud of uranium dust, was to repair them when they broke down. He believes that radioactive

dust he breathed while working there caused his cancer, and has lodged a £400,000 damages claim. Four years later, he is little nearer having his claim decided, although the case went all the way to the House of Lords. The issue was whether he could bring the claim at all. The law lords' ruling by four to one broke new legal ground. They ruled, despite strong opposition from Rio Tinto, that mulninational companies with a UK base could be sued in the courts here. The principle is important: it means that when workers are unable to sue a transnational company abroad, either through lack of funds or because the company there has no assets and so can provide

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Multinational companies with a British base can now be sued here, says Frances Gibb

UK parent company. Richard Meeran, a solicitor with Leigh Day & Co who brought the case, says: 'Transnationals have always hidden behind their subsidiaries and legally it has been hard to

them accountable. There nave been notorious examples of gross behaviour by such companies take Union Carbide in Bhopal. They have always argued that they do not owe any duty to people af-fected by their overseas operations. So the Lords ruling sets an important

precedent." Two other recent cases involving claims by South African workers invoke the same principle: one against Thor Chemical Holdings, which last year reached an out-of-court settlement worth £1_3 million with 20 workers who claimed they had been poisoned by mercury at a Thor subsidiary in Cato Ridge, KwaZulu/Natal. The other involves Cape plc, formerly the Cape Asbestos Company Ltd. It was involved in mining blue and brown asbes-

no redress, they can sue the UK parent company.
Richard Meeran, a solicitor tos in the North Western Cape and Northern provinces from 1890 until 1979. The Court of Appeal gave the go-ahead to claims lodged by three workers, arguing that the international nature of the company's operations meant they were

firmly based in England and point-'English ing out that the company no longer had any links with courts are South Africa. Cape has petitioned the Lords. Mr Meeran, who

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acted in all three to protect cases, says that the courts "delivered a salutary warning human to the commercial world and indicated willingness on the part of the English courts to pro-

tect human rights in preference to commercial interests". Mr Connelly hopes that his claim can now proceed. But in a new move, the Lord Chancellor. Lord Irvine of Lairg. is suggesting legislation to stop such claims. Officials say that this case has paved the way for litigants who have no connection with England to bring potentially costly claims. A letter has been sent to the Law Society. Bar and others arguing that neither Mr Connelly, nor

Debts (Interest) Act, the

Law Society says. Solici-tors often have to wait

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Mathews, Law Society President, says: "The Government often

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the claim, "had any connec-tion with England". The claim was brought, it says, "because the plaintiff was not able to fund an action in Namibia. but could do so in England, through legal aid or a conditional fee (no win, no fee)".

Lord Hoffmann, the law lord who gave the dissenting . judgment in Conneily, is con cerned that the ruling undermines the principle that liogaoon with no real link with England should be kept out of the English courts.

But lawyers and academics strongly oppose legislation. Dan Brennan, QC, a leading personal injuries lawyer, says:
"Is the Labour Government really siding with multination-als against black workers with potential negligence claims?" Companies that set up abroad with local labour should use the same safety standards as elsewhere. "Are workers treated negligently to be denied the right to sue in the company's home country, when the profits of those companies come

here?" he said. Mr Meeran argues that such cases do have clear links with England. "In the Connelly case, the company was actually based here - so what is this all about? If it is about saving taxpayers' money, the point is that this case so far

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Government," he said, during Mr

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If cases did not have strong links, then the English courts their own right, they would not have attracted legal aid funds in the first place.

has been successful and the

£500,000 costs recovered."

Mr Meeran adds: "Holding a transnational liable for compensation in its home base provides redress for the abuse of human rights. But it also acts as a powerful deterrent against future abuse."

Why I won't be drinking to the new licensing laws

ty for liquor licensing is removed from the magistrates and handed over 10 local authorities. As if the increase in those "all-singing, all-dancing" public entertainment licences (PELs) were not bad enough, the prospect of adding "all-boozing" to them spells sleepless nights for millions.

As a magistrate, though not a licensing justice. I could be said to have an axe to grind. Yet, as an ordinary resident, I am already having to object to a local restaurant's request to stay open until 2am every weekday, as well as at weekends. If it obtains such a

be an attempt to increase the liquor licensing hours.
At present, this has to go before the licensing justices. But if the report of the Better Regulation Task Force is accepted by the Government, the justices' powers will be given to local authorioes. Never mind the fact that councils will then be both judge and jury rather than independent justices, it has to be said that since councils took over the administration of

PELs, the cost of obtaining one

has gone up hugely and there are wide variations in their

PEL licence, the next step will

According to a report in a trade journal, a London-based PAULA **DAVIES** pub group pays £42 for a 400-capacity venue in one area of London and £4,600 for a 620-capacity venue in another. Are some of these councils merely trying to in-

crease their revenue? Perish the thought yet surely the fee should reflect the cost of obtaining the licence and no more. So what about the problems of local residents? If, as is suggested, we change the law to bring us into line with the Scottish system, the applicant will no longer have to prove there is a "need" for his liquor-selling premises. Instead, the boot will be on the other foot, leaving objectors having to prove that there is "over-provision" in the area. Considering that councils already hold planning and building powers, ordinary people are going to have their work cut out to stop it.

Even those specialist licensing lawyers have far more problems with local authorities than with the local justices. Applications for big, one-off events can sometimes be left until the last minute. In one case, it took three months to get an appointment for a public entertainment licence and in another case the

t is starting to dawn on people what is likely to happen if and when responsibili-sions until 2 am. So what, you might say. Far more important, however, is the fact that justices do not hear applications when there is any conflict of interest. Local authorioes will never be in such a position given their existing powers, and it is possible that they may

vote on party lines.
I don't need to go into the possibilities of corruption, but apparently there are occasions when there is no hearing at all and just one official can make the decision.

Certainly, the Magistrates Association, along with the Juspices Clerks' Society, would be delighted to have the licens-ing laws updated sensibly. And licensing justices should be prepared to co-operate with a nadonal policy so that there is no more fragmentation over procedural matters. At present, only one licence is given to a busi-ness, although there can be more than one name on it.

It might be more sensible given the growth of large drinks businesses — for justices to be able to grant two or three. Personally, I can't see why justices would object to making the issuing of licences simpler. Il does not seem unreasonable to allow people who are moving from one district to another to carry on their business without having to reapply for a new licence, although they obviously need to show sufficient experience.

Anne Norton, chairman of the licensing committee of the Magistrates' Association, says: "The confidence of licensing justices would be enhanced by a mandatory basic qualification such as the National Licensees' Certificate, which would enable the licences to become truly portable." A lot of what is suggested by the task force

makes sense, even though residents will no doubt be extremely wary about semi-permanent opening hours for clubs and pubs. The thought of that "all-singing, all-dancing" racket going on just around the corner must give them the shudders.

But in the end I think that the members of the task force must be more than a little naive. Can they really believe that the change from magistrates to local authorities will, in the words of the task force chairman, "improve transparency and accountability"? If that happens, the drinks are on me.

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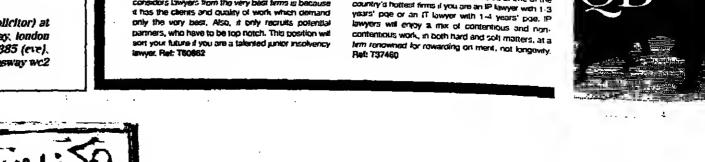
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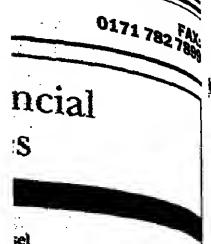
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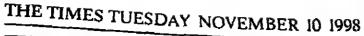
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No longer a law unto their own: on a five-day visit to China, Tony Blair at Tiananmen Square with Zhu Rongji, China's Prime Minister. Now each major city has a private law firm

China bows to legal evolution

hina is showing a growing commitment to the rule of law. This is an opumistic statement to make about a country with such a lamentable record, but there is real evidence that China is taking significant steps to-

wards legal reform. Last month I was in Beijing for British Law Week — a series of seminars. workshops and the re-enactment of a mock trial - organised by the British Council and the Chinese Ministry of Justice to coincide with a visit by Tony Blair and his wife, Cherie Booth, QC. The aim was to bring together British and Chinese lawyers to build understanding of the British legal systems.

Leading figures, including Lord Justice Otten: Robin Booth, Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor; Heather Hallett, who chairs the Bar Council of England and Wales, Phillip Sycamore, immediate past President of the Law Society; and Ann Owers of Justice, led discussion on subjects ranging from contract and commercial law to criminal procedure, international conventions and human rights.

These last two areas, along with administrative law, including the process by which government decisions can be legally challenged, were included at the specific request of the

British lawyers and the UK Government are leading the People's Republic along the road to justice, says Helena Kennedy, QC

legal practices.

Chinese Ministry of Juscee. The semi-nars came hot on the heels of China's signature of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights iust days before the law week began. No doubt grand gestures make good public relations in the face of internadonal attention, but progress in other areas of legal reform suggests that genuine commitment to implementing the convention will continue

In 1997 China implemented radical revisions to its Criminal Procedure Law and criminal codes. These revisions introduced for the first time an adversarial approach to criminal trials, a presumption of innocence, and limitations to the length of time a sus-pect can be held without charge. Robert Seabrook, QC, played an impor-tant role in advising the Chinese Government on these reforms, and reference was made to British laws.

Not surprisingly, the upheaval caused by the shift to an adversarial system, where the prosecution must prove its case before a judge, is considerable. Lawyers, judges and police need retraining and this will take time. At the start of the 1990s, nearly all lawyers in the People's Republic were employed by the State. Now each major city has private law firms and there is a thirst for information even when the focus has shifted elseabout setting up partnerships and

> ther areas of prime Interest in the commercial field are privatisation, or "share-isation" as the Chinese prefer to call it, inward investment into the United Kingdom and issues relating to insurance.

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The concept of insurance in China is also rapidly expanding. The scope of the law has grown from insurance

of physical property to insurance against liabilities — an issue close to the hearts of the increasing number of private legal practitioners, even though indemnity insurance is not yet compulsory. Last April the first operating licence was gramed to Royal & Sun Alliance, an English insurance company

There is a bleaker side to economic liberalisation. Unemployment and marital breakdown are growing. Women make up the majority of those who have been laid off from the state-owned enterprises that have been downsizing.
In the past decade there has been

an explosion in juvenile criminal cases. In 1994 there were well over a million registered cases - 65 per cent of all crime. The average age of first offenders is dropping and the number of female offenders is on the rise. According to a report by the Gong An (Public Security) University, male to female offending before the Cultural Revolucion was 100:1. Now it is 10:1.

Greater populations in the cities have increased crime rates and new types of crimes are being committed. including car crime, drugs, computer and credit-card fraud, gun crimes and prostitution. The number of offences attracting the death penalty remains alarmingly high. British organisations are again

Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws is

playing a role in working to under-

stand the problems. The Scarman Centre at Leicester University is con-

ducting an extensive study of juvenile

crime, and the British Council is

working with Chinese women's or-

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women's rights, violence against

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Plans for the future include the ex-

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and a new programme of training in

Britain for young Chinese judges. There will also be further training in

China for practising lawyers on com-

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When babies come after the environment

Are green issues more vital than safe toys, asks Justine Thornton

The would have believed that the recent furore over the danger to children's health from toys would highlight the influence of environmental action groups in making environmental laws? It has also revealed that the European Community may arguably protect the environment more than its children.

Soft toys, such as teething rings and dolls, have been the centre of attention. They contain phthalates which are used to soften PVC. Children under three are particularly at risk because they tend to suck on the toys and their saliva re-acts with chemicals alleged 10 cause kidney and liver damage, infertility and cancer.

Last July protesters from Greenpeace blockaded a chemical plant in The Netherlands, saying that the soft PVC plastic could be ingested by children and cause cancer, An EU scientific committee admis "cause for concern".

The European Commission is under increasing pressure from environment and consumer groups to pass legislaoon to ban these toys. It is not proving easy to do so. It has taken more than two years to move to the possibility of legis-lation to restrict the use of phthalates. In 1996 government researchers expressed concern about phthalate levels in formula baby milk. Greenpeace then began a campaign against their use in toys. In April last year the Danish Government recommended that certain toys be removed from sale and teething rings were withdrawn in Italy. Spain and Greece.

form is evolutionary rather than revo-Despite the evident conprogress is the more permanent for cern, the European Commisthe gradual pace at which it is being sioo cannot legislate to ban the toys because it still has to decide just how dangerous they are for children. Although numerous studies

have been carried out, there is no conclusive method of simulating how children chew on the toys. The Commission has been walting for the outcome of tests where adults volunrecred to suck on the toys. The results were published last week, but do not appear to have clarified matters.

The absence of conclusive scientific evidence linking an activity with damage to the environment is a common problem for legislators. Notwith-standing this, EU law allows for measures to protect the environment even when the extent of the danger is uncertain. This is on the basis that by the time the science is conclusive. the environment may have been irreparably damaged, or that the costs of putting right the damage may exceed the preventive costs. There is no equivalent principle to protect children using toys.

Greenpeace's campaign has been sophisticated. As well as direct action tactics, it has included scientific investigation and tobbying. In September last year Greenpeace pub-lished the results of its own tests on the phthalate levels in 71 toys. The results were discussed by the Scienofic Committee advising the the Com-

Even the High Court has recognised Greenpeace's status, allowing the group to chal-lenge a government decision oo nuclear waste on the basis that "Greenpeace is an entirely responsible and respected body", although there are those in industry who would question this.

Concerned at the potential damage to its sales, the toy industry is now pushing for legislation to restrict the use of phthalates.

 The author, a barrister specialis ing in environmental law at Sim-mons & Simmons, is co-author of

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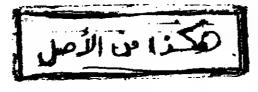
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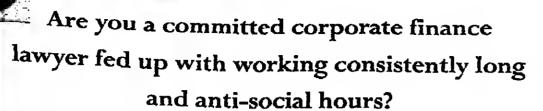
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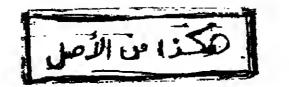
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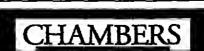
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THE biggest problem facing racing as the 21st Century beckons is reassuring the general public that the horse receives a fair deal from birth to death, Peter Webbon, chief veterinary adviser to the Jockey Club, said yesierday.

Speaking at the Chellenham Cenienary Conference, he said that there had to be a change in attitude and facilities and he

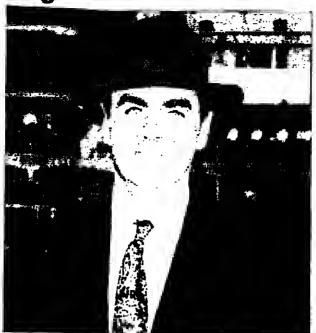
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outlined a wide range of minimum standards - ranging from pre-race inspection of runners to replacing the existing hurdles used in ruces -which need to be introduced. "There is still a fair way 10 go,"

Webbon went to the licart of the concerns felt by the public about racing - particularly National Hunt - and tackled the highly emoove issue of horses which suffer severe injuries during races. If an animal has to be put down on the racecourse, it should be recov-ered in a vehicle with ambulance livery. "There is no place for a knackers' wagon on the

racecourse in the next century. "Nothing is grimmer than seeing an ambulance and a



Webbon wants public to know that horses get a fair deal

knackers' wagon going to altend a horse and the ambulance turning round. If a member of the public suffers a fatal injury, they dun't expect to be thrown into the back of a pickup van and have a tarpaulin thrown over them. And the public does not expect that to happen to horses. They are faithful, loyal and brave animals and they deserve dignity in death." Webbon said.

Racecourses should carry our regular rehearsals for "casualty management, stables should be inspected before races for hygiene and security and there should be a mini-

mum time when horses arrive at a racecourse before a race. It is unfair for a horse to undergo a long journey and arrive at a racecourse only minutes be-fore a race — such as a demanding three-mile chase.

Pre-race veterinary checks uf horses should be introduced and veis should be at the start of all National Hunt races, together with two mobile vets elsewhere on the course. A vet should also be available in the stables for casualties returning from the course.

Horse racing also needs to learn from other equine events --- such as evending at Badminpies to protect them from the heat or generous supplies of ice. 'On some racecourses you see a dustbin full of water if you are lucky, or a bucket of water if you are not People draw their own conclusions from that," Webbon said.

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He added: "Please replace the present hurdle. There must be a better obstacle than the one we are using now." The use of airships by Channel 4 and car-mounted television cameras also needs to be examined to see if they contribute to falls and injuries.

The media also has a part to play — highlighting the good stories as well as the bad. The general public should be informed about injuries. We need to be upen. Nothing is gained by trying to hide the fact that injuries occur. We also need to tell people the good stories and highlight the horses that have come back from injury and raced again."

Looking ahead to the next 100 years - the theme of the conference - Webbon said that the sport must invest in public confidence by ensuring the safety of horses.

We have got to set internaoonal standards that hare comparison with other racing and non-racing bodies. British racing must lead; it must not be led. In terms of welfare, British racing must drive; it must not be driven. We have to cater fur the racing public, but we have to remember if we lose the general public our sport

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RACING AHEAD Robert Wright

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Potter's Bay

Phillip's Woody

THE jumps season gets underway with a vengeance at Cheltenham this weekend with Saturday's Murphy's Gold Cup a worthy highlight of the three-day meeting. With 17 entries remaining at yesterday's five-day stage, the bookmakers are offering each-way terms for the first four places, which makes the race attractive for ante-

Oylor Matta has been made favourite on the strength of some progressive performances last season; winning the Cathcart at the Cheltanham Festival and the John Hughes Trophy at Aintree on his final two starts. However, as a five-year-old he was receiving a hefty weight-forage allowance from his rivals, and may find things tougher without that help this season. With the Mertin Pipe yard going through a rare quiet spell, he is dreadful value at a

Queen Of Spades, on the other hand, comes from the in-form Twistorf Davies stable. She put up several observing efforts in the best novice company last season, and starts the season on a fair financian mark. However, her best form has been shown over two miles and her ability to see out this extra four furlongs.

must be taken on troot.

With its stiff (erices and testing uphill climb to the finish. Cheftenham offers a unique test and course form is invaluable to purifiers. With that in mind, Maridys Mantino makes plenty of appeal. He has failed to make the trame just once in eight runs at Prestoury Park, winning four times. A promising reappearance when third at Ascot last month should have put him spot on and, at 8-1 with Ladbrokes and William Hill, MANDYS MANTING is an excellent each-way wager.

McCoy faces lengthy ban

TONY McCOY was yesterday referred to the Jockey Club by the Fontwell stewards after being found guilty of using his whip with excessive frequency on Bamapour, the winner of the Ford Claiming Hurdle.

The champion jump jockey faces a lengthy ban, which may rule him out of the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury oo November 28. Major Jeremy Ker, the stewards' secretary, said: "He hit the horse nine times on the run-in, the first five of which were fairly forceful."

McCoy has been susp for 15 days for whip offences since April 4 and this ban has triggered his referral to the disciplinary committee.

KEENE on CHESS

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HUNTINGDON THUNDERER

12,40 Subtle Influence. 1,10 Last Knight. 1.40 Solo Gent. 2.10 Compass Pointer. 2.40 Headwind, 3.10 Cherokee Chief. 3.40 Forever Noble.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

12.40 KIMBOLTON NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £2,128; 2m 110yd) (13 runners)

5-2 Subde influence, 4-1 Burn Out, 5-1 Ball Spang. 7-1 Cezanne, 8-1 Filou Du Boks, 10-1 Swinging The Bloes, 12-1 Sturgem, 14-1 offices. 1.10 SOUTHOR JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £2,443: 2m 110yd) (12)

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2.10 WILLINGHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,600: 2m 110yd) (15)

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403 6-11 RIDMANA PRINCESS 18 (D.6) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-13 P Niver
404 41-4 THE NEWSMANI 31 (6) Mrs S Edwards 0-11-5 __1. Aspel
405 D15- DOYENNE 248 (F) Mrs D Haine 4-11-2 ___ R Tharmon
406 DP5 8MM-LOU-AND 34 (D.F.6) Mrs R Knopin 0-11-2 __1 Cultoy
407 134- AMERICANVAL 201 (BFD.8) S Maler 10-11-0 ___ C Webb
408 20-5 COMPASS POWTHER 52F (CD.5) J Escales 5-10-12 S MacNell
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413 41(3) DP5 ERREAT FROOD 18 (D.F.) C Dover 5-10-0 ___ P Carberry
414 RIPRY 7ASHREEF 585 (D.F.S) Mrs S Smith 0-10-0 __ 8 F Ryan (3)
415 FIRE MARKANAS SOT (D.F.S) Function 5-10-0 ___ P Compass Point 7-2 Indiana Princess, 4-1 Sursum Corda, 0-1 Americanial, 8-1 Compass Pointer, 10-1 Mr Edgar, The Great Flood, 12-1 The Newsman, Doyleane, 14-1 others.

(£4,926: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

11-4 Sasting's Hero, 3-1 Headwind, "4-1 Strining Light", Rostic Av., 7-1 Sterra Bay, 14-1 Destinctive, 16-1 Khalido.

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(Div II: £2,110: 2m 110yd) (13)

SEDGEFIELD

1.00 Ansuro Again. 1.30 Toshiba Talk. 2.00 Noosa Sound, 2.30 Tessajoe, 3.00 Fen Terrier, 3.30 Xaipete, 4.00 Topothenorthracing,

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

1.00 JOHN WADE HAULAGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,511: 3m 3f 110yd) (8 junners)

5-? Ansuro Again, Peep 0 Day, 11-4 Real Fire, 5-1 Ockmaster, 8-1 Ruber, 25-1 Young Wolf, 50-1 Outself Crossett, 66-1 Philoropa Hill.

1.30 STANLEY RACING SERIES FINAL HANDICAP

HURDLE (£6,678: 2m 5f 110yd) (6) 1 2021 GLENUGIE 28 (CD.F.G.S) G M Moore 7-11-13 ... N Hannity (7) 2 5223 DLD HUSH WING 10 (CD.G) Mrs M Revolvy 5-11-11

9-4 Old Huch Wing, 11-4 Austron Raider, 3-1 Glernigle, 7-2 Yoshina Talk, 14-1 Hurd-bry Stane, 50-1 Dord Forger Carles.

2.00 PADDOCK BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP CHASE [SHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£3,625; 3m 3f) (9)

4-1 Noosa Sound, Apache Raider, 9-2 Callernoy, 5-1 Gale Force, 7-1 Zanthanen, 10-1 German Legend, Kibby Bank, Most Rich, 16-1 D'Arblay Street.

2.30 HENNESSY COGNAC SPECIAL SERIES

NOVICES HURDLE (£5,602: 2m 1f) (11) 6-4 Farfields Proce, 9-2 Tessajoe. 5-1 J J Baboo, 8-1 Gaelic Probe, Twenty Winks, 12-1 Scotmal Boy, 14-1 Classical Dence, 25-1 others

3.00 NOVEMBER NOVICES CHASE

(£2,941: 2m 5f) (8) L_S41. 211 Jy (U)

1 P-12 BHAVNAGAR 31 (BF.F.6) 8 Elison 7-11-10L Temple (7)

2 BJS I MOSAM 12 (CD.F.6.5) N Mason 8-11-10 R Golect

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7 B90- R.OSS THE BOSS 193 Mrs J Brown 5-10-12 D Bentlay

8 0010 SLIEMA CREEK 17 (CD.6.5) Y Tempeon 4-10-11

Mr M Thompson 2-1 Nasaro, 5-2 Brawnagar, 7-2 Fen Tomor, 5-1 Long Rullah, 10-1 Sherra Cresh, 25-1 Domnégale, 33-1 Floss The Boss, 50-1 Dougal.

3.30 BLMS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,397: 2m 110yd) (6)

7-4 Xalpete. 2-1 Last Try, 9-2 Cover Point, 0-1 Wild Brook, 10-1 Somethy, 10-1 Fin

4.00 LEVY BOARD MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,063: 2m 5f 110yd) (11)

3 22-5 HURST FLYER 10 (F.S) F Munion 6-11-8 6 Gration (5)
4 -312 CATHEDRAL BELLE 16 (CD.F) Max M Reveloy 4-11-7 G Len
5 2-56 AFTER GRANE 4 (S) N Nexton 8-11-5 R Guest
6 55-4 JUST HUSH 24 (S) R Nexto 5-11-2 C McCormach (5)
7 537 MARSHMAN 10 (S) Mass K Nahlega 4-10-9 C McCormach (5)
8 -330 MORE CHAMPASINE 10 (S) Mas D Thomson 8-10-4 D Perfor
9 GRAT TAMERED MISTERF 6F (D.F) D Barter 7-10-0 N Hannib (7)
10 -369 GEMOLLY II S Part 5-10-0 N Homobis (5)

9-4 Catherinal Belle, 4-1 Hurst Flyer, 9-2 Topotheror/Bencing, 8-1 Alber Grace, Mareston, 10-1 More Champagne, 12-1 Kinamartyra Girl, 16-1 edhers.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

SEDGEFIELD: Trainers: Airs M Roveley, 72 witness from 271 renners, 25.6%; J FitrGerald, 12 horn 49, 24.5%; F Merphy, 7 from 34, 20.6%; D Eddy, 3 horn 15, 20.0%; L Lengo, 7 from 41, 71.7%, Jockyses N Rennilly, 3 witners from 13 ricke, 22.7%; G Lea 1, 1 from 01, 20.5%; C McCormark, 11 horn 58, 18.0%; L Wyer, 22 horn 123, 17.9%; G Derack, 3 from 18, 16.7%, N Smith, 15 horn 193, 14.6%. HURTINGOON: Trainars: N Callagham, 4 winners iroth 11 numers, 36.4%; Mrs M Roweley, 11 from 32, 34.4%; K Ballay, 20 from 78, 25.5%; O Gandolto 6 from 34, 72.5%; G Pubband, 17 from 74, 33.0%; J PitGaratt, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Gibron, 14 hann 71, 19 7%; Jocksyu: R Dyswepóly, 21 winners dom 84 ndes, 25.0%; P Pide, 15 hom 85, 21%; P Nwen, 3 from 14, 21.4%; S McNell, 11 from 55, 20.0%; D Byrie, 6 from 34, 17.5%; R Farrant, 6 from 38, 15.8%, J McCarthy, 10 from 64, 15.6%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Carlisle

Going: soft theory in places;
1.00 (3m 110yd hole) 1, JUST AN EX-CUSE (R Johnson, 10-1); 2, Peast-inistic bleix (C McComrack, 7-1); 3, Gisuetal Denser (R Supple, 5-6 tar) ALSO RAN 6-1 Hagrs Way (6th), 8 Welfswood Jrith, 14 Fighty Leader, Jumbo's Dream, Over The Burn, Vertical Ar (5th), 33 Good Man 10 ran 91, 101, 11, 141, 201, J O'Netl at Pennth, Tote \$10.40, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$1.10, OF; £24.20, CSF, £78.00,

2.30 (25), 2.78.00, 1. ARDENT SCOUT (S Durack, 4-1), 2, Birkdale (F Supple, 9-4 lay), 3, Glenbower (B Harden, 3-1), 4.18.0 RAN, 9-2 Stu Gaa (fel), 13 Cherry Dee (4th), 200 Innovate (5th, 6 ran 1, 3-4, dist, dist, Mrs S Smith at Birdley Tota, 24 80; 63 20, 51.70, DF £10 90 CSF £11 62

200 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, 80WLES PA-TROL (J Supple, 16-11, 2, Andy's Led (P Carbern, 2-1 kav), 3, Hya Prim (S Taylor, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 4-1 Mesty Class (4lin), 11 Mr Cavallo, 12 Setion Belake (5th), Thom-toun House, 14 Future's Trader, 16 Fery Belle, 25 Bawera (6th), Mister Trick, 100 Hamilton Process 12 ran 6t, 11, 11-1, 24, 30t, John R Upson at Adstone Tote 514 70; 25 80, 51-60, 52 30, DF-244 (0 Tri-fecta, £4,911-20 - part won (pool of 1589-25 carned forward to Sadgosfield 2.00 today (55F 543-86 Trocast: 297-41 ALEAN CONTROL OF THE STATES THE STATES AHEAD (A Dobbin, evens lev); 2, Lord of The West (P Carberry, 15-8); 3, Parsona Boy (B Herding, 5-1) ALSO RAN: 14-1 Scribbler (5th), 100 Majority Major (4th), 5 en 81, 181, 61, nk. N Richards Tole 21 90; 21.10, 21.20 DF, 21.90 CSF 23.06.

230 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, RED MARAUD-ER (Pichard Guest, 7-4 lav, Rüchard Evans's nep), 2, King of The Burrer, 15 Durack, 7-2; 3, Tulkymarry Toff (G Tormey, 7-2) ALSO RAN 4-1 Fernanch's Brother (5th), 8 Master Bavard (4th), 5 man 24, 111, 44, 41. N Mason at Whitburn, Tote \$2.10 \$1.60, \$2.20, DF; \$3.90, CSF, \$7.74. 22.10 S1 60, 22.20 DF; 23.90, CSF, 27.74, 4.00 (2m 11 fast 1, BECCA'S ROSE (P Carberry, 3-1 lav) 2, Elegant City, 1A Dobbn, 9-11, 3, Valigan (F) Supple, 4-11, ALSO RAN, 7-1 Radmore Saxon, 8 Boder Farmer, 1D Escalate (Sith), The Geptel, 12 Carbonado (Sith), 14 Imperto I tally, The 3ig Rockette (1ett), 16 fts-0-1-The-Cards, 25 Bufeland Boy, 33 Javannan, 50 Laurentuke, 65 Joe's Br of Gold, 100 Lambrint Lady, Lipstick Red, Scally Teg, 16 ran, 51, 1-1, 7, 7, 7, 31, F Murphy at Middleham Tote E4 50, 21 90, 24 40, 22 40 DF; 22 30 CSF Cao S8 Jackboot: 243,455.00.

Jackpot: £43,455.00.
Placenot: £9.10. Quarinot: £5.70.

Fontwell Park

DE: E11 90. USF 121.67 Incast: \$236.34 2.45 (3m.2/110yd ch) 1. GROSVENOR (R Durwoody, 4-5 kev). 2. Nezzearo (A P Mo-Coy, 11-11, 3. Nilizalington (P Hide, 14-1) ALSO RAN 5-2 Ballyea Boy (ball), 6 Golden Drum (fiell, 25 Jurassic Cleasu: 6 ran 3L, clst P Nicholls at Shepton Mailet, Tote: £190, £1.40. £3.30 DF £10.30 CSF 59.77.

3.15 (2m 2i chi 1 DANTES CAVALIER (R Durwoody, 4-11 lavi, 2. Stack Statement (f. Aspell, 3-1): 3, Fraser Carey (Michael Bennan, (0-1), 3 ran, 9l, dist O Gandolfo at Wantage Tote £1 30 DF, £1 40 CSF £1 71

Plecepot: £54.80. Quadpot: £8.10.



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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The European Youth Championships took place in Vienna this July. Italy won both the Junior (under 25) and Schools (under 20) series. Against the Azurri Juniors, the Russian North-South pair in the Open Room played this hand in a quiet Three Diamonds making an overtrick.

Dealer South N-S Game ♥ J 10 # Q105432 4 AQ4865 ▲ Ka C 42 TA97652 Ε 954 ♠ 8 s 4 K878 A 19 **4** 1042 CKOS ♦ AKJ 1063

A A In the Closed Room, as so often happens, West's pre-empt pushed the Italians into a contract they would not have reached under their own steam.

1 D All Pass 3 NT Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: six of hearts.

The declarer (Pagani) won the heart lead and returned the suit. West took his ace and had to switch to the king of spades to beat Three No-Trumps. That's easy for us to say, but should he have worked this out, or was it just a guess? West should have realised that declarer's play indicated that he was setting up the game-going trick. If that were not the case, he would hardly be giving him the chance to clear his long suit while he still had possible

side entries. Therefore drastic

action (i.e. the risky-looking

HEROLA

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b. A peony

c. A tribal court

a. An antelope

b. A moon ring

c. A small guitar

a. A mountain sheep

spade switch) was the order of the day. When West unimaginatively continued with a third heart, declarer claimed nine tricks. The Times Book of Bridge 2. featuring the best of Robert Sheehan's daily columns is

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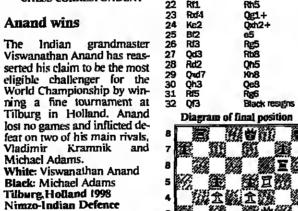
bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HALAWI a. A breed of dog b. A sweet c. An African tribe NEMATODIRUS

a. A dinosaur b. An interpreter c. A tapeworm Answers on page 50



Tilburg Holland 1998 Nimzo-Indian Defence Bb4 Bb7 Bxc3+ 0-0 h6

By RAYMOND KEENE

The Indian grandmaster Viswanathan Anand has reas-

serted his claim to be the most

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

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Qxc3 Bg5 Bh4 Rd1

Michael Adams.

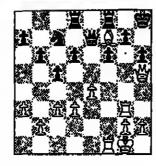
Black: Michael Adams

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and in the Weekend section on Sat-Tilburg, final crosstable 6 2 2 5 1 5 . 5 7 Adams 8 Svidler 9 VanWely

WINNING MOVE

White to play. This position is



from the game Reefat-Mossong, Elista Olympiad, 1998. White is aggressively placed on the kingside, but his bishop is under anack.

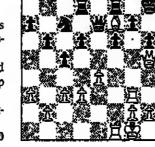
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Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport

Can he do better than retreating? Solution on page 50



2-1 The Full Monty, 4-1 Bassenhally, 5-1 Garethson, 0-1 Coole HRT, 0-1 Weish S&A, 12-1 Solo Best, Kansassino, 10-1 Others.

2.40 MACER SIFFORD HANDICAP CHASE

9-4 Checkee Chail, 9-2 Brother Oll Ins. 5-7 Lord York, 7-1 Brownes Hill Lad. Marasis, The Captain's Wish 12-1 Simple Arithmetic, 16-1 others. 3.40 KIMBOLTON NOVICES HURDLE

B-11 Forever Noble, 7-1 Strazo, B-1 Brownings Boy. 12-1 Picket Pleas, 14-1 Hip-sergue. Rock Scene, 16-1 Rear Window, 20-1 others.

21.10, 21.20 DF, ET 90 CSF E3 06.
3.00 (2mt 11 hdle! 1, VALEDICTORY (L. Wycr, 11-4 lay), 2, Fair And Fancy (P Carbany, 11-2), 3, Exatted (B Harding, 9-2) ALSO PAN' 7-2 Straprola (4th), 9 Viprano (6th), 12 Be Brave (5th), 14 Needle Molch, 33 Lathel Cockasi, Sounds Devious 9 ran. 9, 3*4, 5; 144, 41, P Montetth at Rosewell Tote, 24 10, 21 90, 22.10, 21 30, DF 21 10 CSF 216.45, Theast 258 04

Going: soft
1.15 (2m 2' 110yd hole) 1. BAMAPOUR IA
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Britain give recall to Hand

By Our Sports Staff

TONY HAND, Britain's best home-bred player, has been included in a Great Britain development squad that will hold its first training camp at Car-diff later this month. The Edinburgh-born playmaker, pres ently in the top ten individual points-scorers in the Sekonda Superleague, has been a high-profile absentee from British squads in recent years, for "personal reasons", but Peter Woods, the team manager, has included the Sheffield Steeler in the squad, which will be involved in ice training, psychology, competitor analysis and development profiling.
Hand is the only Scottish-born player in the 37-strong squad, which also includes Vince Boe, from the grand slam-winning Ayr Scottish Ea-gles team of last season. Woods said: "The outstanding success enjoyed by Ayr and Manchester in Europe has elevated the profile of British ice hockey and it is important that the national team capitalises on this increased interest. We want to signify to the rest of the world that Britain is a competitive hockey nation again." PETITVE TRUKETY TRANSITY OF SAME AND A STREAM (BUSINGSDOW). M Cote, J Johnstone (both Brocknell), N Chinn, S Lyfe, O McCleven, S Moria, M Priest, J Stone, S Thermises foll Carolin, P Thompson (Gald-Thermises foll Carolin, P Thompson (Gald-Adey, M. Bishop, C. k, G. Garden, S. Hunt, Jrem), T. Hand, J. nfi, A. Maio, T. Piom-

Manchester Storm recorded a Sekonda Superleague record with a 10-1 demolition of Newcastle Riverkings. It was Storm's eleventh triumph in succession at home - overhauling the record of Cardiff Devils set in February - and also put Nottingham Panthers on their guard. They are Storm's next opponents in the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final first-leg tomorrow. Roy Trumbley scored the consolation goal for Riverkings, the only domestic club to beat Storm this season.

Ayr Scottish Eagles gained a psychological advantage over London Knights ahead of their semi-final first-leg with a 4-I victory. It was only Ayr's third league win of the season. John Wynne overcame a

bout of sickness to score the winning goal for Sheffield Steelers as they came back from 2-0 down to record a 3-2 thers. Cardiff Devils also fought back from 2-0 down to beat Bracknell Bees 6-3.

John Hopkins finds the young hero of the Open still in positive mood



Rose and his father know that a lot depends on his performance at the European Tour qualifying school next week, when he will attempt to win his card for the 1999 season

en Rose climbed out of the blue BMW in the car park at the North Hants golf dub and wore his usual friendly smile. But Justin, his son. who was alongside him, looked different. What was it that was not the same about the prodigy whose face had been on television and the front

page of every newspaper last July?
Then the penny dropped. Four months after Justin's mature and stunning performance in the Open Championship, he had received a reminder that he was still a young man - four years younger. indeed, than Tiger Woods. Justin had undergone a growth spurt. The teenager who had appeared so self-assured at Royal Birkdale in July stood up straight this November afternoon, all oft Zin of him, and looked slightly gawky. Such gawkiness had not been evi-

dent when he was finishing fourth in the Open, after which he immediately turned professional. At that time, Rose was 17 and able to drive, but too young to vote, buy a drink in a pub or a lottery ticket. But then it did not seem to matter. His last stroke as an amateur was to hole an outrageous pitch shot. That Rose could clearly play sublime golf merely heightened the impression that this boy-man, 17 going on 24, was a potential British hero for the dying years of one millen-

The ensuing months have not been as kind to Rose as the public would have liked, though a club and ball

Rose relaxed about going back to school

contract with a leading manufactur-er is imminent. He failed to win enough money from seven tourna-ments into which he had entry to guarantee himself a place on the Eu-ropean Tour in 1999. A quick trip to Australia to compete in Adelaide ended after 36 holes. It took a coura-geous 67 in the last round of a pre-qualifying event at Chart Hills in Sep-tember to earn him a place at the final qualifying school, which starts in Sotogrande next week.

"Justin used to be a tough golfer," Ken Rose said. "The Justin Rose since the Open is not the Justin Rose with the killer instinct. He has had a responsibility to keep playing. If we were doing it again, I would want someone to be a bit more hard-nosed for him; for him not to have played for two or three weeks after the Open, to have prepared better for the seven tournaments. As it was, we were euphoric to have been invited to an Masters.

Rose Jr added: "I was floating in

cloud-cuckoo land. I don't regret any-

thing, not even missing seven cuts. I am disappointed, but I feel stronger for it. Now I feel I am no longer in a tumble-drier going round and round and then being hung out to dry. Now I am ready for the school."

The words "qualifying school" to a



Rose acknowledges the applause

after that famous pitch at the 18th

play safe golf. It is not safe golf. You make your swing and stay with it. You can't worry about the conse-Ken Rose, keen to accentuate his

son's positive attitude, added quickly: "Nobody has experienced six rounds like those you had in the summer. Two rounds of final qualifying [for the Open], practice rounds with Ernie Els and Nick Faldo and then rounds one to four in the Open. No A shadow momentarily broke the autumn sunlight streaming in

golfer are as frightening as the word

ready for the pain in Spain. He

leaves on Thursday with a new driv-

er with a heavier swingweight - D6 instead of D0 - and will use his old

blade irons. They were made three degrees more upright at the clubmak-er's at St George's Hill on Monday

"It is a big week," Rose said, "but it

is qualifying golf. I enjoy playing golf. Everybody thinks you have to

waitress was heading towards him with an enormous plate of eggs, ham and chips. He wolfed them down, declined a pudding or coffee and, hoisting his bag on to his shoulders, headed out for the practice ground.

Few parents are given a child as talented as Justin and Ken Rose faces a

room. Rose looked up and beamed. A

great challenge in continuing to teach his son, continuing to be his guide and mentor, friend and parent.

There are times when Justin can be irresponsible, unfeeling," Ken Rose said. "No. that's not quite right. He is not deliberately irresponsible, does not mean to be unfeeling, but an-yone with children knows what I mean. He argues with his sister, he argues with me. He behaves just like any other 18-year-old, in other words,

hen he goes on to that television programme, On the Line, and he was outstanding. Michael Johnson was on with him and he has been taught: what to do. Justin was just as good as he was. The telephone never stopped ringing after that with people wanting to say how impressed they were with Justin's performance. You think to yourself Wowl That is something I could not do."

Momentarily, Rose Sr was lost for words to describe his son, temporari-ly in awe of him. It was a timely reminder of just how precocious Justin Rose's talents are and how much it is through a window in the dining to be hoped that he succeeds.

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Paris win pushes Rusedski

TENNIS: Greg Rusedski has moved up from No 13 to No II in the latest world rankings after his victory in the Paris Indoor Open. He is now only one place behind Tim Henman, the British No I, and both will play in Stockholm this week.

to No 11

Henman and Rusedski are fighting for a place in the ATP world championships in Hanover later this month and their cause was aided when Richard Krajicek underwent surgery on his left knee on Monday, ruling him out of the end-of-season showpiece tournament for the world's eight leading players.

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tomorrow. E CRICKET: Javagal Srinath and Ajit Agarkar, the India opening bowlers, triggered a collapse by the Sri Lanka batsmen and set up an 81-run win in the Champions'
Trophy in Sharjah, Sri
Lanka's third successive
defeat in the one-day
tournamnet leaves them on the brink of elimination from the three-nation event, while India cruised through to the final on Friday with three wins in a row. Sri Lanka's slim hopes of making the final rest on a comprehensive victory over Zimbabwe today and India beating Zimbabwe in the last round-robin match

MOTOR SPORT: Laurent Aiello has landed the coveted drive alongside David Leslie with Nissan in the 1999 British Touring Car Championship. The 29-year-old Frenchman moves from the German touring car series, in which he won the title last year and was runner-up this season for Peugeot.

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RUGBY UNION: WORLD CHAMPIONS SCENT REVENGE AS THEY AIM TO IMPOSE THEMSELVES FROM THE START OF THEIR TOUR

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four years ago and were am-bushed in the Borders, losing 17-15 to Scotland A at Melrose. Admittedly, they went on to beat Scotland at Murrayfield four days later, but that defeat at The Greenvards still rankles. This latest generation of South Africans will want to put matters right as well as lay down a marker of their own. The side that begins this lat-

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Glasgow Caledonens v South Africa (Firth), 7 (f) REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Combined Services v Barbariane (Portsmouth, 6 (f)

SOUTH AFRICA last played a Scottish representative side

Jardine, who captains the Caledonians, was also a mem-

FIRHILL LINE-UP

Craig, I Jardine (captant), J Lealie, D Stark, L Smith, O Patterson, G McNehern, K Mc-Kanzie, A Kille, S Campbell, G Penett, J White, J Shaw, G Madday Replacements:

By MARK SOUSTER

South Africans on alert

Glasgow Caledonians at Firhill, the home of Partick Thistle Football Club, tonight, is very much a second-string XV. It is captained by Bobby Skinstad, who knows the importance of moulding a suc-cessful midweek side. Skinstad said: "This game will set the tone for the tour."

He is also aware that lan

est Springbok tour, against

played in the team that was drubbed 68-10 by South Africa

ber of that victorious Scotland team, alongside Kevin McKenzie and Derek Stark.

Jardine said: "Those of us who played in that match still talk about it to this day. It was wonderful experience. Opportunities to play against South Africaare rare, so you have to make the most of it." Glasgow are without seven first-choice players, who are with the full Scotland squad, but they are still able to field seven internationals, including Derrick Patterson, who was capped ugainst South Africa in 1994, and Stewart Campbell, who, like Stark,

The touring team also fields seven full caps, including a formidable front row of Ollie Le Roux, Naka Drotske and Willie Mever.

SCOTT QUINNELL will play for Wales against South Africa

at Wembley on Saturday, despite the Rugby Football Union scheduling a hearing on Thursday over his appeal against a 14-day suspension. Quinnell, confirmed in the starting XV yesterday along-side his brother. Craig, is unable to attend the hearing because his wife is due to give

birth to their third child that day and he will be with her in Llanelli. It is one further twist in a saga that lean when charge on Lawrence Dallaglio during the Richmond match with Wasps last month.

Graham Henry, the Wales coach, said: "My understanding is that the person involved has to appear for the hearing to go ahead. It's reasonable to expect him not to be there in this situation." It will be the

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Quinnell clear for Wales

first time that the brothers have started an international together: the same is true for Chris Anthony, the young Swansea prop, who was capped four times as a replacement last year, who replaces the injured David Young.

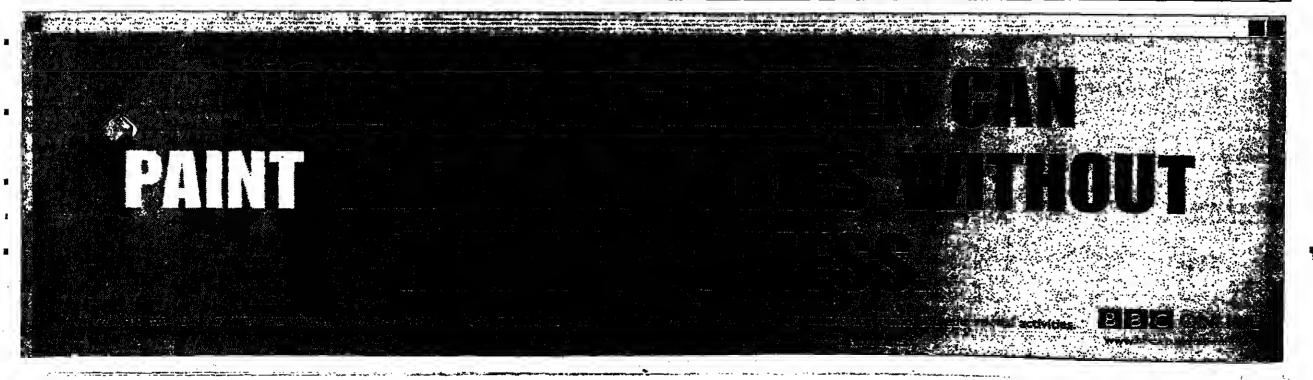
The one newcomer is Shane Howarth, whose long career includes four appearances for

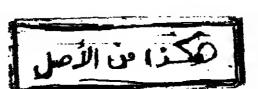
New Zealand in 1994, three of them against the Springboks. Howarth, 30, has played fly half and centre for Sale, but reverts to his original position of full back, where he played

for Henry's Auckland team. South Africa dispersed any injury worries around Johan Erasmus, the flanker, and Percy Montgomery, the full back, when both players trained yesterday after recovering from strained hamstrings.

WEMBLEY LINE-UP

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Paris win pushes Rusedski to No II

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Hoddle tries to shelve Merson retirement plans

FOOTBALL

By OLIVER HOLD, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GLENN HODDLE, the England coach, is thought to have taken pre-emptive steps to dissuade Paul Merson, the Aston Villa forward, from announcing his retirement from international football after it became evident that the recovering alcoholic was on the brink of deciding to concentrate his efforts on pursuing success with his club.

Merson spoke to a group of reporters after Villa's 3-2 victory over Tottenham Hotspur in Birmingham on Saturday and repeated suggestions he had made in an earlier interview that he had become mildly disillusioned with his role as a fringe member of Hoddle's squad and that it was time for him to move aside to allow younger players their chance,

Hoddle is believed to have learned of Merson's comments yesterday and assured him that he is soll part of his plans for the European championship qualifying cam-

It is clear, though, that Merson, 30, who has won 19 caps for his country and last appeared in an England shirt

during the World Cup, will need to see proof of Hoddle's commitment to his cause if he is not to devote all his energies to Villa.

"My retirement from international football is on the horizon," Merson said, "I am a fringe player. I am not going to play. I am getting un a bit now and there are so many good youngsters around. You only have to look at Lee Hendrie here at Villa to see that. It would be nice for him to be in-



Merson: fringe player

for retaining Evans

Hansen's scathing critique of his former employers on Match of the Day — in which he branded much of the Liverpool team as "mediocre" -Jan Molby, once Hausen's team-mate in the successful Anfield side of the Eighties. ing argument that the club's two heads are decidedly inferi-

Molby said: "Why bring in

wide League second division team who knocked out Coventry City in the previous round. will bid to claim another scalp when Barnsley travel to Kenil-

Bolton Wanderers meet

volved more with England, 1 have had my time and I will make a decision in the near fu-

"I still want to play for England, don't get me wrong, but when you are playing well for your club and you are not getling in the England learn, it is a bit disheartening. The time is coming when I want to concentrate on club football. I am ambitious and I want to win another champinnship. If no international football means I am fresher and better, then now is the time to think about

Merson's England career has not been particularly dis-tinguished. Asked recently how he would rate his performances fur his oruntry, he said 'E-minus". By his own admission, many of his carlier appearances were blighted by his addiction to alcohol, drugs

and gambling.
Newcastle United remain plimistic of signing Ercan Abdullah, the experienced Turky international, despite having an initial £3.5 million bid for the left-sided midfield player rejected by 'Trabzonspor, his dub side, yesterday. Ruud Gullit, the Newcastle

manager, first identified Ercan. 26. as a potential transfer target while in charge at Chel-sea and though his first at-tempt at bringing him to Eng-land ultimately failed, he has since maintained a close interest in the player's development. Trabzonspor value Er can at around E5 million, although it is understood that a firm offer in excess of £4 million would be enough to prompt his departure from the

Avni Aker stadium.

Mauricio Taricco, the Argentine defender, became George Graham's first signing as Tottenham manager yester-day, joining Spurs in a £1.75 million transfer from loswich Town, the Nationwide League first division club. The full back, 25, completed his move from Portman Road after agreeing personal terms. Taricco, troubled by an ankle injury, was voted the supporters' player of the year at Ips-



Elliott drives Ford forward

HE road to riches that leads Ford United to Deepdale for the FA Cup firstround tie against Preston North End on Saturday began on the rocks of adversity.

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Two seasons ago, we ran out of cash." Dennis Elliott. the manager, recalled. "All we pay is expenses, just petrol money for travelling backwards and forwards three times a week and enough to buy a beer, but we we faced six weeks when we weren't able to pay anything."

There was a real possibility that the Ford side that was on the way to winning the Essex Senior League might break up. "I knew something had to be done" Elliott said, "The then chairman couldn't help. so I put it to him that he should step down - he's now the chief executive - phoned Jim Chapman and told him: You're chairman, Jim."

Elliott had known Chap-

man since he persuaded him. a decade earlier, to play for the St Katharine's team that he managed in the Dagenham Sunday League.

Elliott offered Chapman, a goalkeeper, a chance to play on-loan from Barking, where Walter Gammie charts the rise of a club on its uppers two years ago

place after a cartilage operation. The Chapman who Ellion appealed to was, by then, a stockbroker on the European

pean Trading Desk of Merrill Lynch. "I told Dennis I'd put in a few bob and stop all the hard work going to waste," he said. Ford duly clinched the ti-

tle, gained promotion to the Ryman League and now have a Cup-tie that can earn the money that Chapman and Elliott hope will make them secure for some time to come. Although the dub bears the name of the motor company

and plays at its sports and social club ground, it stands on its own feet financially. The sports and social club paid for the work needed to upgrade the ground before we joined the Ryman League," Elliott said, 'but it's a members' club and we have to pay to play

Chapman said: "We survive on sponsorship and the money taken on the gate, which depends on whether the man ngs his dog with him

by being in congested with football clubs headed by

Dagen-

ham and Redbridge, in whose clubhouse Elliott, who lives round the corner, can be fouod more often than he would care to admit. The main sponsorship deal

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was inspired, "About five years ago. George Adams, who was our vice-chairman, said. "He picked up the phone to Sky Sports and said: 'Ford puts money into your football coverage, is there a chance of you putting some back? They have been really good to us ever since." Elliot, a PE teacher at War-

wick Boys School in Walthamstow, has Paul Downes, the former Barking manager, as his assistant and Steve Bryce and Alan Marson as coaches. Elliott says this enables him to "avoid the wet, wind and getting cold" while still selectAmid a whirl of unaccus-tomed celebrity, local fund-raising to pay for the trip to Preston and negotations to ensure they return with a shirt signed by Tom Finney as a souvenir, an FA Carlsberg Vase fixture against Bedfont last Saturday brought every-

one firmly back to earth. Although three omes ahead. Ford were held to a 4-4 draw after extra time, thanks to a fine performance by David Logie. a home-grown youngster, who scored all the visiting leam's goals. It means that tonight, while Ellion watches Preston play Mill-wall, Downes will take the learn to Bedfont for an unwanted replay.

lliott, looking beyoud this week's excitement, has calmly set a long-term objective. The money we make could go towards running the club for two years, but we want to use it to lay an artificial pitch that will bring us our own, regular source of rev-enue," he said.

Chapman supports him and believes that Elliott is "single-minded enough" to achieve the goal. With its alliance of manager-cum-wheeler dealer and chairman-cumgoalkeeper. Ford is clearly a

ATHLETICS

New run to twin best of **British**

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE biggest marathon in Britain is the Flora London Marathon. No surprises there. But which is the second-most popular among British runners?

Before the Manchestet, Nottingham and Potteries murathons phone in to lay claim, the answer is New York. No marathon in Britain, other than London, attracts as many British runners as the 2,000-plus who participate in

That will change next year if the team behind the Puma Edinburgh Marathon, which was launched vesterday, can convert promise into reality. The target is 5,000 entries fur the inaugural race on September 20 and, by claiming to have a fast, flat course, the race organisers expect the front end to be sharper than all Briosh marathons, bar Lon-

The route is seenic, but will the leaders have time to notice? In the interests of quick performances, at least one. and possibly both, principal guidelines that the sport uses to judge whether courses are fair will be breached. "Within the first two years, we are going 10 see a sub 2hr 11min marathon." Norrie Williamson. the course designer, said, "If it is a day like today [with galeforce winds), it could well be a 2:06 marathon."

Like the Boston Marathon. Edinburgh's start and finish are too far apart to be within the guidelines designed to prevent wind-assisted marathon records. If start and finish are more than approximately eight miles apart, a course can he deemed to benefit from tailwind. If the drop is more than 42 metres, it is regarded as downhill. Williamson said the drop for Edinburgh was not yet known, but that it might be more than 42 metres. London is 31 metres.

From the event's £250,000 budget, prize and appearance money have to be paid. It is questionable whether the event will have the financial clout to attract a number of prominent, world-class athletes, which is its stated intent. but, once word spreads that Edinburgh is scenic and fast. the first mass-participation marathon in Scotland for 12 years may do well.

Beginning and ending in the ancient and modern capitals. Dunfermline and Edinburgh. the course takes in the Forth Road Bridge, the Royal Mile and passes through the gates of Holyrood Palace. Steve Smythe, who has run 53 marathons and is the race services editor for Runner's World. said: "It is the first new marathon for a long time in which I have wanted to compete."

Geoff Wightman, the former Commonwealth Games marathon runner, now Puma promotions manager, said: came here to build a fast course and the fact that it is seenic is a bonus. Here is the autumn event to complement London. It will have atmosphere, a spectacular course and potential for personal best times. Why go anywhere

Liverpool under fire

THERE is nothing quite like the scent of a crisis to stir the blood of ageing footballers and, with Liverpool edging ever closer to the precipice. their preparation for the po-tentially season-defining Worthington Cup fourth-round match with Tottenham Hotspur tonight was in danger of being drowned out by the hard words of some distinguished old-boys yesterday (George Caulkin writes). Just 48 hours after Alan

or to one. The gist of his comments? Roy Evans must go.

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night. Wimbledon will be without Michael Hughes, their

a new manager [Gerard Houllier when you then keep the old one? The decision has rebounded on the club and you have a situation where senior players are questioning the whole set-up."
Luton Town, the Nation-

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A chance meeting at a well-ding had reunited them at Ford the previous year, when

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: LEADING TEAMS MANAGE TO SECURE VICTORIES DESPITE LOSING FIRST-CHOICE QUARTERBACKS

Brave Johnson defies injury



Smith runs into trouble on his way to a Dallas rushing record

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THEY lost their unbeaten record unexpectedly last week, against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and, on Sunday, the Minnesota Vikings must have thought that the fates were determined to do their worst again. Reeling from injuries to both quarterbacks, they had to rely on on a man playing with a broken thumb and throwing with his wrong hand to edge past the New Orleans Saints.

The Vikings suffered their initial blow early in the first quarter in Minneapolis, when Randall Cunningham twisted a knee. He was replaced by Brad Johnson, the former quarterback of the London Monarchs, who was returning after an eight-week absence with a broken leg sustained early in the National Football League (NFL) season. Johnson turned in a bravura per-

to keep Vikings shipshape

formance, throwing for 316 yards and completing 28 of his 38 passing attempts. He played in severe dis-comfort after breaking his thumb on an opponent's helmet early in the second half, but he inspired the Vikings 31-24 win with a left-handed pass to Leroy Hoard, the running back, with three minutes left.

"I knew the thumb was messed up straight away," Johnson said. "It was crooked. But I was ready to play. It felt great to be in there again. I had a hard time gripping

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FOR THE RECORD

BY OLIVER HOLT

the ball after I got the injury, but if I hadn't been able to throw it, I would have pulled myself out. I had pracosed left-handed passing all spring and that worked out for me today." The Denver Broncos, the only

team with a better record than the Vikings, kept on winning, despite an injury to their own quarterback, John Elway. Elway had been hoping to join Dan Marino as one of only two quarterbacks to have

thrown more than 50,000 yards in his career, but he strained rib mus-cles in the warm-up and watched

the match against the San Diego Chargers from the touchline. With Terrell Davis, the Broncos' running back, held in check for

once, Denver relied on Elway's replacement, Bobby Brister, and he responded by completing 20 of 33 passes for 229 yards in a 27-10 victory. Denver have won all nine of their games this season. The weekend's most impressive

cons, the surprise team of the season, who humiliated the New England Patriots 41-10 in Massachusetts. The dominant Atlanta defense allowed only 18 yards rushing and sacked Drew Bledsoe, the Patriots' quarterback, five times. Confounding all expectations, they have won seven games and lost only two and lead the National Football Conference (NFC) western division from the San Francisco 49ers. The Dallas Cowboys took their

victory belonged to the Atlanta Fal-

record to 6-3 with a 16-6 victory over the New York Giants at Texas Stadium. It put the Cowboys top of the eastern division of the NFC and saw Emmitt Smith go past Tony Dorsett to the top of the Dallas all-time rushing charts. His 163 yards against the Giants took him to 12,105.

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CRICKET: FIRST TEST FEARS INCREASE AS STEWART AND BUTCHER FAIL AGAIN

England running out of time

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE (third day of four): England, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 11 runs ahead of South Australia

UNTIL now, the principal preoccupation of the England touring party had been the health of Alec Stewart and Mark Butcher. After the events at Adelaide Oval yesterday, concern must transfer to their form, for the brothers-inlaw from Surrey are ap-proaching the start of the Ashes series a week on Friday alarmingly short of runs.

If England sought one piece of comfort from their match here, it was reassurance on this issue, yet Stewart complet-ed a pair for the first time in his England career and Butcher was out cheanly, to a diffident stroke, for the second time in the match.

England are being thoroughly outplayed, by an understrength state side, for the second time in successive weeks, but the outcome of this game will worry them less than its individual components. Their bowling, though far more disciplined than in Perth, lacks penetration and leading batsmen are toiling. Indeed, nobody has played an innings of genuine command.

Butcher's situation is a concern, as much for the manner of his dismissals as his lack of runs. When he needed a convincing rendition of re-stored poise, after his blow to the head in Perth, his footwork and judgment failed him. Stewart may have recovered, after several days of discomfort with his recurring back condition, but he will be dismayed by his contribution. It was only the second time that he has made two noughts in a first-class match - the first was "many years ago against Derbyshire" - and he had begun his day by fumbling a routine stumping.

Australians do not stand in awe of Stewart, who averages only 26 in Ashes Tests compared to 41 overall, and this will have dissuaded no one of the general view here that he is taking on too much. The stumping miss, when Peter Such left Jason Gillespie marooned yards down the pitch. was a rare aberration, but the cares of captaining a tour



Stewart falls leg-before to Blewett for his second duck of the match and Butcher looks away in dismay after playing on

while batting high in the order, keeping wicket and worrying about a suspect back cannot be understated.

Stewart and Butcher will now feel under pressure to make runs in Cairns this weekend, not because their places are in any doubt, but for their own peace of mind. Queensland, with an attack containing Michael Kasprowicz, the likely third seamer for Australia, will not wish to ease their rehabilitation.

There is a pride and commitment in the approach of state teams to tour games. starkly at odds with the general attitude in England. For instance, Kasprowicz is due to play against England within hours of returning from Paki-stan and will be straining to impress in order to head off the challenge of Gillespie. It has been a long road back for Gillespie, only recently recovered from the latest of three

injuries since his last Test

SCOREBOARD FROM ADELAIDE

Second Innings

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appearance, but he has bowled well enough here to indicate that he has a part to play in the Test series.

After England had taken the five remaining South Australia wickets for 63 before lunch. Cork and Fraser claiming two each and the deserving Such one, Gillespie bowled a nineover spell with the new ball that contained only seven runs and the wicket of Butcher. A batsman out bowled off

the edge will claim a degree of misfortune, but Butcher was out-thought. Gillespie had identified in him a tendency to cut inappropriately early in an innings and, by going round the wicket and angling the ball into the left-hander, he cramped and endangered the stroke. Butcher played it all the same and could not complain about the outcome. Michael Atherton, whose

first-innings dismissal to a freakish short-leg catch was truly unlucky, drove and

TONIGHT

8-00pm

pulled precisely on his way to a welcome half-century and the day was settling into a languid pattern until a clatter of wickets after tea raised the possibility of England being

beaten with a day to spare. Nasser Hussain has scored more than 200 runs in two games without looking at his best, but he will feel persecuted to have fallen to a shin-high leg-before decision, remembering his uncanny sequence of such dismissals earlier this year. Stewart had no such excuse for declining to play a stroke to an inducker from

Greg Blewett. When Atherton was run out at the non-striker's end, Mark Harrity deflecting a drive into the stumps. England had lost three wickets for eight and still trailed by 58. One more wicket would have exposed the lengthy tail, but Graham Thorpe and Mark Rampra-kash played securely through the final 90 minutes.

BOWLS

Willis and Airey get off to flyer

ANDY WILLS and Stuart Airey, of England, made a dream start to their defence of the Manulife Hong Kong International Classic Pairs tournament in Kowloon yesterday, racking up 66 shots and conceding only 17 in their first two matches (David Rhys Iones writes)

After beating a pair from the local Indian Recreation Club 36-9, they saw off Bob Barnett and Andrew Robertson, of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, 30-8. Robert Price and Jason Greenslade, of Wales. also won both of their matches, but Raymond Logan and Graham Robertson, representing Scotland, slipped up twice. They were defeated 24-14 by Larry Parker and David Tso, a local partnership, and were then beaten 20-17 by Bobby Donnelly and Neil Burkett, of South Africa.

WORD-WATCH

Answers from page 47 HEROLA

(a) A small, rare antelope. Damaliscus liunteri, native to Kenya and Somalia, and more frequently called Hunter's hartebeest.

MOUTAN (b) The tree peony. Paeonia suffruticosa, a large shrub bearing pale pink flowers, native to China and Tibet, the parent of many garden varieties producing single or double flowers of many colours.

HALAWI (b) A kind of sweetmeat made with treacle and honey. Cf. halva and hulwa. T. E. Lawrence. letter. 1912: "About halawi - I hope you remember the particular sticky sweetmeat of which Thompson and myself used to eat pounds."

NEMATODIRUS (c) A parasite nematode worm. belonging to the family Trocostrongylidae, which is found in the intestine of many mammals and causes disease in young lambs.

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Alcoholism — the musical

Brian Hill's film about heavy drinkers wins marks for innovative treatment but seems uncertain how seriously to take a serious subject. The innovation is to get the subjects to break into verse or song, so much so that the programme could almost have been called Alcoholism — the musicol. It transpires that the "poetry" is not the spontaneous creation of this band of soaks but has been creation of this band of soaks but has been composed by a real poet, Simon Armitage. While entertaining, it tends to anaesthetise a painful theme. Not that Ami and Kerry, two women in their twenties, would say that their relentless boozing is anything but a lark [though it would have been useful to know why they do it, or where they get the money). In a film notable for its absence of shame, Jane's attempt to kick the habit so that she can see her 13-year-old son grow up introduces a more sombre strain.

Cutting Edge: Hello! Hello! Channel 4, 9.00pm

Some see Hello! as vanity publishing, a chance for the wealthy and famous to publicise their wealth and fame by paying good money to spread themselves across its glossy pages. Maggie Koumi, the editor, insists that the magazine is in the business of news — a later-day Picture Post. In support of this surprising claim we witness an impressive holds the front-page in when Frank impressive hold-the-front-page job when Frank Sinatra inconveniently dies just as an edition is going to press and Koumi and her staff rush through a mulo-page tribute. But snapping Emma Noble, the future daughter-in-law of John Major, in a bikini, seems less newsworthy. The Duchess of Nork a Hellol contributor, is a propagatory. York, a Hello! contributor, is among those popping up in the film which is pegged to the mag's tenth anniversary, a matter for celebration even if the rival OK! claims to be challenging hard.

The Young Person's Guide to Becoming a Rock

Channel 4, 10,00pm

Despite the title this is a drama not a documentary, following the fortunes of a young rock band from Glasgow. Written by Brian Elsley, who adapted Iain Banks's The Crow Road for television, it is an

The ordinary soldier's plight is revealed in The Day the Guns Fell Silent (BBC1)

exuberant and perceptive satire which takes a refreshingly disenchanted view of the music industry and its hangers-on. The guiding light and lead singer of The Jocks Wa-Hey is Jez (Ciaran McMenamin), the child of hard-rock parents who has been unemployed since leaving school two years ago. Episode one sees him recruiting his fellow band members, including his beautiful DSS officer (Simone Lahbib), and embarking on a disastrous first gig.

The Day the Guns Fell Silent BBC1, 10.45pm

A two-part documentary, showing today and tomorrow, draws on letters, diaries and reminiscences to evoke the feelings of the nation when the First World War ended 80 years ago. But when the First World war citied do years ago. But if the film is structured around the original Armistice Day, this is only the peg for a wider look at the war and its impact. The juxtapositions are often revealing. While the abomination of trench warfare is pieced together through the experiences of a Scots Guards captain, the present Earl Haig defends his father from the charge of sending thousands of young men to a needless death. Memorials in a church in Somerset mark two deaths on the same day during the Battle of the Somme. One is of Tom King, an ordinary soldier, and the other of Raymond Asquith, son of the Prime Minister.

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RADIO CHOICE

File on 4

Radio 4, 8.00pm

The Unknown Soldier Radio 2, 9.00pm

Tony Robinson traces the process by which the unknown soldier was brought back from France for burial in Westminster Abbey. Robinson visits St Pol sur Ternoise, 10 which a number of unnamed soldiers were brought from surrounding graveyards in November 1920. At midnight, one was chosen by a brigadier-general wearing a blindfold to preserve anonymity. The idea for a burial in the Abbey had been raised in a letter to the Dean of Westminster from an army padre. David Railton, Malcolm Brown, the historian, says the notion of the unknown soldier represented the idea "that anyone who had lost a reladive whose body could not be found could think that it was their relative who was being brought back home".

RADIO 1

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RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Kirf's Classical World 8.00 Nigel Opdan 9.00 The Unknown Soldier, Sea Choice 10.00 Cole Poner Night and Day 10.30 Richard Alinson 12.00 Katma Leskanich 3.00am Mo Dutta

RADIO 5 LIVE

8.00am Breaktast, with Julian Worricker and Victoria Derbyshire 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1,00pm Ruscoe and Co 4,00 Drive, with Peter Allen and Jane Garvey 7,00 News Edra. A full round-up and the main sports bulletin of the day 7.30 The Tuesday March. Russell Fuller presents coverage of the fourth round of the Worthington Cup 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30mm Chris Evans 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Bobby Hein 6.45 Harriet Scott 10.00 Mark Forrest 1.00mm James Merriti 4.30 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

8.30am Bit Overton and Kirsty Young 9.00 Scott Chisholm 11.00 Lorraine Kelly 1.00pm Anna Raebum 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Nick Abbot 9.00 James Whale 1.00am lan Collins and the Creatures of the Night 5.00 Bill Overlon

This long-running programme consistently contains the best hard-edged reporting anywhere in radio and tonight's investigation promises to illustrate two of its principal strengths: topicality and thoroughness. The issue tonight is inward investment in Britain. In the news because of the Siemens and Fujitsu factories in the North East of England which are shortly closing because of the downtum in the world demand for (and price of) computer-related products. There are also large question-marks over Korean plants in South Wales and Scotland. File on 4's case is that there has been waste and a lack of accountability in the British Government's agencies responsible for attracting these sunrise industries. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 Off The Shelf Tales from Ond 7.30 Chill Out 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Concert Half 9.00 News; [648 only) News in German 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 To Be Continued 9.30 Plays in Focus School for Scandal 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 On Screen 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Ohing the Wheels 12.00 News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Heelth Matters 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multilirack Hit List 3.00 News, (648 only) News in German 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15 Westway 3.30 The Greenfield Collection 4.00 News 4.15 Soundbyts 4.30 Insight, (648 only) News in German 4.45 Britain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 One Planet, (648 only) News in German 7.00 News Summary 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause for Thought 7.30 Megamix 8.00 Newshor 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 8.30 Meridian Live 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Insight 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Business Report 9.15 Britain 1003y 8.30 Mendian Live 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Insight 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 Outlook 11.30 Megamo. 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 am Early Versions 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Discovery 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Mendian Live 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 One Planel 4.00 The World Today 5.00 The World Today

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RADIO 3

6.00am On Air with Stephanie Hughes. Includes
Sibelius (Finlandia), Poulenc (Sulle francase);
Monleverdi (Lætarus Sum)
9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday, Includes Bach
(Tropie Concerto in A minor, BWV1044); Tavener
(The Tyger; The Lamb); Mozart (Piano Sonata in
A, K331); Ravel (Pavane Pour une Inlante
Detuntel), Tchalkovsky (Francesca da Rimini)
10.30 Artist of the Week: Matislay Rostropovich
11.00 Sound Stortes: Briefer Candles Ginelle Neveu
12.00 Composer of the Week: Debussy
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Live Irom
Sludio 1, Broadcasting House, Beitasi, live second
of four funchtime concerts introduced by John
Toal. Piers Adams, recorders, Howard Beach,
piano. Ernst Krahmer (Introduction and Vanations.
Op 23); York Bowen (Recorder Sonata); Rubbra
(Medifarions on coeurs desoles); Norman Fulton
(Scottish Suite); Humyady (Concert Polonase)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Symphony Orchestra
under Andrew Davis, Jean-Yvos Thiboudet, piano
Weber (Overture. Oberon); Beethoven (Piano
Concerto No 2 in B flat), Tumoge (Momentum);
Elgar (Symphony No 2 in E flat)
4.00 Volces: Edith Mathls in E

5.00 in Tune As a new production of Bons Godunov opens at the Coliseum. Sean Rafferty talks to the bass John Tomlinson as he prepares for the role 7.45 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century) Live from the Owen's Half. Edinburgh, continuing a season of chamber recitals. Gould Tho Rachmannov (Elegac Tho No 1 in G minor); Arensky (Prand Tho No 1 in D minor, Op 32) 8.30 Adultery and Other Diversions. Tim Parks reads from his new collection of essays 8.50. Tchaikovsky (Prand Tho In A minor, Op 50) 9.50 Postscript: Grave New World J.G. Ballard talks about the psychological future and the emergence of new personality types.

10.15 BISC Symphony Orchestra under Andrej Kukal, Ivan Zenaty, violin Germot (Violin Concerto).

10.45 Night Waves Richard Coles talks to the composer Hans Wenner Henze, whose new autobiography gives a graphic account of his musical life, from an urrhappy childhood in Germany during the onset of Fascism to international acciaim as one of the world's feading contemporary composers.

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11.30 Jazz Notes with Alyn Shipton
12.00 Composer of the Week: Monteverdi (I)
1.00am Throught the Night with Donald Macletol

RADIO 4

6.00am Today with Suc MacGregor and James
Naughtie. Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25
Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 The Choice with Michael Buerk
9.30 First Nights: The Divorce Party A woman's
eventful lirst right on the singles science
9.45 (FM) Seriet: Memoirs of an infantry Officer
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during the First World War Read by James Wilby
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9.45 (LW) Daily Service
10.00 Women's Hour with Mariha Kearney
11.00 Nature: The Volces of Gombe Joanna Princek
talks to Charlotte Ulenbrook about her studies of chimpanzee behaviour (r)

Visiting Julia Peter Tinniswood's comedy drama

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11.30 Visiting Julis Peter Tinniswood's comedy drama Julia comes home — just in time. Starring Keith Barron and Liz Goulding (f)

12.00 News 12.04 You and Yours

12.00 (LW) News Headtines; Shipping Forecasi.

1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke.

1.30 Quote — Uniquote Richard Grafiths. Lisa Jardine. Christopher Matthew and Paul Vaughan pit their wils in the quotation panel game. Charod by Nigel Rees.

2.00 The Archers (f)

2.15 Afternoon Plays: The Girls They Left Behtnd A look at the battleheids of the First World War as seen through the poetry and reminiscences of students from James Girlsegne's High School. Edinburgh. Read by Carol Ann Crawford (f).

3.00 The Exchange 0171-580 4444.

3.30 Powerful Substances: Hemp, the Forgotten Crop Hemp, which can be used for making tope, paper, money — and martipiana (f).

3.45 Cautionary Tales Alan Bennett reads from Hilaire Belloc's classic and Sophe Hannah reads a selection of their own contemporary Tales.

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4.00 A Good Read Salah LeFanu and her guests, the pathologist Bernard Knight and the poot U.A. Fanthorpe discuss their favourile paperbacks

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4.30 Shop Tafk with Healter Payton
5.00 PM with Nigel Wrench and Charlie Lee-Poller
6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Radio Shuttleworth Graham Fellows takes the
guise of singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth,
falling to celebrity guests
7.00 The Archers 7.15 Front Row The rightly arts

programme, with Mark Lawson
7.45 Stiff Waters Pan two of Ann Marie Or Mambro's
drama about a woman's search for her missing
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8.00 File on 4 See Choice

8.40 In Touch Feter White with news for visually imparted people of Case Notes Graham Easton reports on how good nutrition can help combail disease

9.30 The Choice Int.

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Le Grand Meaulines by Alain Fourier Read by Philip Franks (2/10) Int.

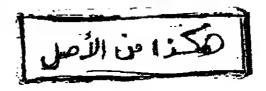
11.00 Late Night on 4: The Now Show Stand-up comedy, hosted by Steve Punt and Hught Dennis, with Dan Freedman, Nach Romero, David Cuantic, Jane Burssmann and Simon Munnery (f)

11.30 (FM) Talking Picturies Quentin Cooper presents the weekly guide to films and timponing, and meets Angle Oxchinson (f)

11.30 (LW) Today in Partialment

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: News of a Kidnapping by Gabnel Gardia Marquez 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service 5.30 World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Farming Today

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Need to shoot some dope? Make it a pop star If you have been following tools who fall for heroin. It is very Rush: 50 Years of Drugs in often smart, but despairing, fools. 100. Anthony Mellor, an articulate furmer heruin addiet from Manchester's Moss Side who now helps others to kick their habit, recounted his enslavement by anthropomorphising the drug and turning his experiences into a mesmerising theatrical monologue: heroin was always whispering in his ear, gooding him, beguiling him, overpowering him. But Mellur graduated from milder stimulants to smuking brown beroin a lung time ago, when it began flooding into Britain in 1979 in the suitcase linings of refugees from Iran's revolution. It is 12 years since Mellor fought off his own addic-

tion and the world has moved on a long way since then. Mark Gilman, director of research at the drugs advice agency Lifeline, said that on the worst affected estates in Manchester, one in four young men was soon

showing signs of addiction "These were nut rich Bohemians, these are latter-day William Burroughses. These are not young Byronesque figures," he said. These are people who can barely read or write. Introduce them to a drug that is the boss of all drugs and then they realise that it answers problems they didn't even know they had,"

ince smuking the drug overcame the historical stigma of injectinn, heroin use boomed. Eestasy, eocaine and then erack soon became part of everyday life for many people; today, if you don't use drugs yourself, you wouldn't have to look lar to find someone who does. A recent survey in the Nurth West of England found that more young people have taken drugs than haven't. Howard Parker, a professor at Manchester University who has carried out research on drug



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use for the Government, says that the social and cultural map of drug use in Britain would be barely recognisable to someone who remembers the 1950s, when drug users were outsiders.

Drugs are available in all the social spaces that young people move in now - the bus, the train. the pub, the club, the school corridor - and there's now enor-mous availability at pocket-money

price," says Parker. Adoloscents have never known a world without street drugs. "When they were 12 or IA people started taiking about drugs," Parker adds. "They've got friends that have tried drugs: they're in social situations, someone's passing a spliff round, they take it, they enjoy it; and they move on like that through their social sections. It's not peer pressure. It's basically a cultural shift whereby this generation, and probably the generation behind them, believe that you can take drugs safely."

And if you don't believe him, then you need only look at The Cops (BBC2), which is shaping up to be a cracking series. If the producers had hoped to cause an uproar by creating police who snorted cocaine to enable them to party all night before heading to the station to start their 6.30am shift, then they failed. Nobody is surprised about things like that any more, let alone shocked.

When you glimpse what life is like in the fictional northern town of Stanton, it doesn't seem that surprising that people take drugs to get through the day.

t's the people who can't afford drugs you feel sorry for, the ones who have to resort to watching Ainsley Harrion on daytime TV cookery shows if they want to cheer themselves up. The Cops is blended with just enough crime to make it a police series, just enough emotional intrigue for a drama, just too little schmaltz to make it a soap, and just enough humour to undercut the bleakness. Here is old-school copper Roy Bramell (John Henshaw), rifling through the gaudy tat clogging up the home of burglar Shad Noble. to his colleague Danny: "Dya think he wins a lot of raffles?"

Big Train (BBC2) is a new sketch show that is written by Graham Linehan and Arthur Mathews, who created Father Ted. Those expecting something as magically mad as Father Ted may be disappointed. Those expecting the tepid humour common to many recent sketch shows (The Fast Show and Harry Enfield are obvious exceptions) probably won't be.

Few sketch shows are hilarious from soup to nuts, but there were enough intelligently crazed rouones here to make you feel that tuning in next week won't be a waste of time. Typical was an Ionesco-style dialogue in which an English tourist lost in France asks a passing cyclist Do you speak English?", 10 which he replies, in perfect Home Counties, "No. sorry. I don't." Also a demented Wild West shoot-out between Chaka Khan and the Bee Gees: if nothing else, this sketch was a useful lesson to today's drug-crazed youth: if you really have in shoot some dope, why not make it a Bee Gee?

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (88687)

Britain, Channel 4's three-

part oral history of recreational

drug use, you'll have known from

last night's final instalment that

Britain has become a country

where frighteningly large num-

bers of people now spend years

hallucinaring about their imag-

ined role and influence in the

world sround them. Even greater

numbers of men and women -

who also find such childish escap-

ism attractive, but who can't be

bothered to go through all the

hassle of becoming an MP - take

the short cut to this same delusion-

al state of mind by ingesting

This unhysterical, but chilling,

documentary might have disap-

pointed anyone hoping to see examples of brains rotted by Class

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at least one of the former addicts

underlined that it isn't just dumb

fistfuls of narcotics.

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) |78671) 9.00 Kilroy (T) |8787107| 9.40 Style Challenge Zoe Ball's Radio breaklast time co-hosts receive makeovers (9693958)

10.05 City Hospital (T) [9657671] 10.55 News (T) (9417855) 11.00 Real Rooms (9590132)

11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (9500519) 11.55 News (T) (1352534) 12.00 Pass the Buck (4138229) 12.25pm Going for a Song (4044836) 12.50 The Weather Show (42813328) 1.00 News (T) and weather [51958]

1.30 Regional News (73553590) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (67009107) 2.05 Ironside (r) (9269497) 2.55 Wipeout (r) (2525590)

3.25 Playdays (r) (6281774) 3.45 Bananaman (r) (8783316) 3.50 ChuckleVision (r) (2629045) 4.10 Noah's Island (T) (9494958) 4.35 The Queen's Nose (r) (T) (7064687) 5.00 Newsround (T) (4622497) 5.10 Byker Grove (T) (5937294) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (903300)

6.00 News (T) and weather (107) 6,30 Regional News (T) (687) 7.00 Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook with Brookside couple Steven Pinder and Karen Drury (9403)

7.30 EastEnders Ian clashes with Cindy's sister over the baby's future (T) (671) 8.00 Holiday A heli-hiking holiday In Canada; Suffolk's House in the Clouds; a luxury resort in Barbados; Majorca (T) (2923)

8.30 Mysteries with Carol Vorderman New series of remarkable tales from around the world; a Spanish surgeon who performs operations without anaesthetic; an explosion over the Isle of Lewis; a lucky escape for a man trapped on a mountain (T) (4958)

9.00 News (T) and weather (9294) 9.30 QED: Call of the Deep Report on the first British team to enter the world tree-diving championships (T) (90774) WALES: Week In Week Out

10.00 Crimewatch UK A brutal assault on two possible connection with the killing of Kate Bushell. Plus: the hunt for a rapist who attempts to establish a telationship with his victims (704949)

10.45 The Day the Guns Fell Silent Two-part documentary charting the end of the First World War and assessing public leeling as the dust settled. Concludes tomorrow (T) (265107) WALES: 10.45 OED (469045) 11.15 The Day the Guns Fell Silent (952359) 12.10am Comewatch UK Update (8069807) 12.20-1.40am FILM: Shaka, Rattle and Rock! (6441817) 1.40 Crimewatch UK Update (948132)

11.50 Shake, Rattle and Rock! (1994) with Renee Zellweger, Howie Mandel. A DJ sets out to educate America's youth with the swinging new sounds of rock 'n' roll. Directed by Alian Arkush (305229) 1.05em Weather (4219324)

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BBC2 6.10am Population Transition in Italy (3294294) 6.35 The Chemistry of Life and

7.00 The Little Poler Bear (5842768) 7.05 Telelubbies (r) (2646010) 7.30 Tom and Jerry Eids (r) (2455749) 7.55 Blue Peler (r) (T) (5757039) 8.20 Robinson Sucroe [r])T) (9340584) 8.45 Wishing (r) (6128590) 8.55 The Little Polar Boar

(862584) 9.00 Dynamo (r) (7652836) 9.10 Working it Out (5030010) 9.30 Clementine (8777229) 9.45 Numberlime (8692584) 10.00 Teletubbies (31652) 10.30 Watch (3223010) 10.45 Light and Sound (9063749)11.05 Space Ark (9770229) 11.15 Megamaths (9924107) 11.35 Watch (7277923) 11.50 History File (7287300) 12.10pm Higher Skill

12.30 Working Lunch (80792) 1.00 Wishing (98483045) 1.10 Sophie Grigson's Herbs (43390045) 1.15 The History Hous; North Norfolk coast (r) (835137) 2.15 Match of Their Day; Craig Brown (70946213) 2.40 News (T) 2.45 Westminster (T) (5190107) 3.25 News (T) (7047687) 3.30 Gardeners' World (r) (T) (565) 4.00 Change That (r) (T) (3741720) 4.25

Ready, Sleady, Cook (3751107) 4.55 Lowri: Forgiveness (T) (5519381) 5.30 Today's the Day (T) (836) 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (r) (T) (292107)

6.25 Heartbreak High (T) | 128749) 7.10 The O Zone Portishead, Divine Cornedy's Neil Hannon, and M People

7.30 Just One Chance A former terrorist claims that integrated schools are the key to lasting peace in Northern Ireland. Last In series (T) (213) 8.00 University Challenge Corpus Christi College, Cambridge v Oriel College, Oxford (T) (8215)

8.30 Delia's How to Cook Pastry made simple (T) (2300) 9.00 Back to the Floor New series, Bosses return to the shopfloor. Tonight Tony Marshall, the managing director of Buttin's, becomes a Redcoat In Minehead



A look at Britain's drinking habits through verse and song (9.30pm)

9.30 Modern Times: Drinking for England Exploring the nation's dnnking habits (T) (53188) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (515229)

11.10 Seinfeld (285671) 11.35 The Larry Sanders Show (T) (608768) 12.00 Despatch Box (7640430) 12.25am Weather (1851184)

12.30 OU: Earth and Life (38072) 1.00 Therapies on Trial (84633) 1.30 Building by Numbers (76053) 2.00 Maths Fite (18324) **4.00** Italianissimo (36966) **5.00** Jobs in Uniform (2197091) **5.45** OU: Restoring the Balance (31072)

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12.15pm Regional News (3959923) 12.30 News (T) and weather (80738) 1.00 Shortland Street (73126) 1.30 Home and Away Sam (T) (30279) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (7032495) **2.40** Date's Supermarket Sweep (T) (2521774)

3.10 News (7046958)

3.15 Regional News (7045229) 3.20 Wizadora (r) (7953294) 3.30 The Singing Kettle News (7344478) 3.45 Wolves Witches and Giants (8696836) 3.55 Zzzapi (2540684) 4.15 Jumanii (T)

(9315497) 4.40 Out of Sight (T) (9359045) 5.10 WALES: Playing for Time Gameshow (T) (4841300) 5.10 Along the Cotswold Way:

Hawkesbury Upton to Wooton-Under-Edge (4841300) 5.40 News (T) and weather (886294) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (385861)

6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (T) (400855) 6.25 HTV Weather (900229) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (855) 7.00 Emmerdala Paddy confronts Mandy on the eve of her wedding (T) (1671)

7.30 WALES: Your Century Tracing the last 100 years in Merthyr Tydfill (869) 7.30 Taka 3 Examining issues affecting the 8.00 The Bill: Bad Chemistry An armed

slege al a dog track, a case of domestic violence and an explosion at a drugs factory give Daly and Holmes plenty to think about (T) (5799)



Green star as Trevor and Joe (9pm)

9.00 Grafters Joe struggles to keep a secret 10.00 News (T) and weather (74294) 10.30 Regional News (549381)

10.40 Teen Spirit Teenage attitudes to money and body Image (T) (274855) 11.40 WALES: A Night on Broadway Singer Kim Criswell performs a selection of Broadway songs (333942)

11.40 Renegade (396316) 12.40am The Haunted Fishtank (2247530) 1.10 Planet Rock Profiles Profile of John Mellencamp (2439430)

1.40 Best of British Motor Sport (5530343) 2.10 The Swiss Conspiracy (1975, b/w)
Thriller with David Janssen, Senta Berger
and John Ireland. Directed by Jack Arnold (1230411)

3.40 Football Extra (1910594) 4.40 Cybernet (r) (784690911 5.05 ffV Nightscreen (2544940] 5.30 News (52140) CENTRAL

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1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9963476) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4841300) 6.25-7.00 Central News (400855) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (869) 11.40 Central Sports Special (678107) 12.45am The Haunted Fishtank (7.1188)

1.15 Planet Rock Profiles (61701) 1.45 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (6740350)

2.05 Best of British Motor Sport (5227527) 2.30 FILM: The Gentle Trap (9672904) 3.25 Nationwide Football League Extra

(3176527) 4.20 Central Jobfinder '98 (1651099) 5.20 Asian Eye (3950324)

WESTCOUNTRY

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ANGLIA As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (9288519) 1.00-1.30 Split Second (73126) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4841300)

6.23 Anglia Weather (901958) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (400855) 7.30-8.00 Bygone Days (869) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (723213) 11.40 Midweek Kick Off (396316)

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Denise Van Outen makes a cameo appearance as a receptionist (10pm)

10.00 The Young Person's Guide to Becoming e Rock Star.
Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous A new six-part drama following the ups and downs of a Scottish rock band (T)

10.45 Friends Ross's former wife is pregnant with their child (r) (T) (389855) 11.15 Kiss Kiss Bang Bang Includes interviews with Julie Christie, Sandra Bullock, Jason Patric and Shane Meadows (T) (854300)

12.00 Wrestling Ernest Hemingway (1993)
with Robert Duvall, Richard Harris, Shirley
MacLaine and Sandra Bullock. A study of
growing old in Florida. Directed by Randa
Haines (T) (84413614)

2.20am Real World (r) (1438072) 2.50 Homicide: Life on the Street (r) (T) 3.40 California Sunshine (30661459)

4.00 Schools: History in Action (489256) 5.45 Geography Junction (8018188)

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6.00am 5 News and Sport (2937584) 7.00 WideWorld (r: (6766861) 7.30 Milkshaket (9567313) 7.35 What-A Mess (1114497) 1.00 Havakazoo (r) (2007039) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (2099010)

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retirement from work. Directed by Robert Greenwald (2683809) 5.20 The Roseanne Show (9544359) 6.00 100 Per Cent (5753942)

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8.00 Are You Being Cheated? (1/10) The public's fraudulent behaviour. Beginning with train fare dodgers and customs cheats (T) (5268942)

8.30 What's the Story? (5254749)



Theresa Russell stars as an under cover vice cop who turns bad (9pm)

8.00 Impulse (1990) with Theresa Russell and Jeff Fahey. Suspense thriller about an undercover vice cop who cracks under her boss and leaves, becoming a high-class call-girl. When one of her clients is killed, she finds herself in the possession of a suttcase full of drugs and is drawn into the ensuing web of deceit. Directed by Sondra Locke (T) (9681229)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (3181010) 11.40 The Streets of San Francisco Vintage crime drama (T) (8216590)

12.40am Live and Dangerous Live Sports show featuring Asian Football and Indy Lights championship motor racing (85708343) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (2052985)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (1903966)

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1.10 BBC News 24

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For subscription details ring 0800 44 1234. 6.00pm The Madness of King George (1994) 8.00 Rashomon (1951) 9.30 Nothing is What it Seems 10.00 The Usual Supports (1995) 11.95 The Stranger Left No Card (1952) 12.15am Public Access (1994) 2.00 Bullet in the Head (1990) 4.05 The Naked Kiss (1964)

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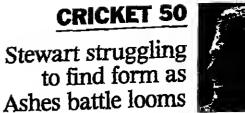
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4.00 Civil War 5.00 The Great Ships 3.00 Ancient Mysteries 7.00 Brute Force 7.30 Unsolved Mysteries of World War II CARLTON FOOO [CABLE]

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Striker faces lengthy absence

Chelsea move swiftly to fill Casiraghi gap

BY OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

geons that strikes a knell in every player's heart was being read out for Pierluigi Casiraghi yesterday as it became clear that Chelsea are beginning to fear that their striker may be ruled out of football for up to a year because of the serious knee injury that he sustained against West Ham United at Upton Park on

It was immediately appair ent that the injury was serious and an exploratory operation today will reveal the exact nature of the damage, but the club is already making plans for a long, laborious rehab-

After an initial scan on the Italian international forwardyesterday, the fear is that Casiraghi has ruptured cruci-ate ligaments in his knee and damaged nerves.

As they came to terms with

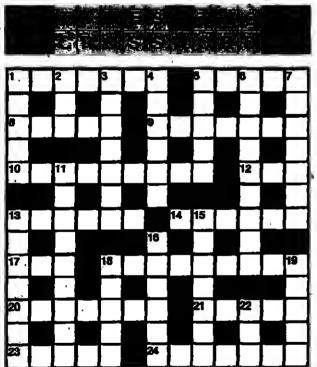
came their record signing when he joined them from Lazio for £5.4 million in the summer, Chelsea moved quickly to try to plug the gap. The 17-year-old Finnish striking sensation. Mikkel Forssell, his country's young player of the year last year, will join them on a free transfer from HJK Helsinki in a fort-

cosmopolitan Chelsea's ranks will also be boosted by the addition of Bjarne Gold-back, the FC Copenhagen mid-field player, who scored against them in the first leg of their Cup Winners' Cup second-round tie at Stamford Bridge last month and who will cost about £300,000. He will wear the No 7 shirt vacated by Brian Laudrup, who has moved in the opposite direc-

Most of the burden, though, is likely to fall on the broad shoulders of Tore Andre Flo,



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THE SERVICES

the Norway striker, who many feel should have been in the starting line-up instead of Casiraghi anyway. Flo is like-ly to play in attack with Gianfranco Zola, leaving only Gianluca Vialli, their player-manag-er, and the relatively untested Mark Nicholls as cover.

The irony, of course, is that in a matter of days Chelsea have been robbed of what was an embarrassment of riches. Until Laudrup made his unhappiness known, they had had too many strikers, too many top-class internationals, fighting for a place in the team and too many destined to be continually disappointed.

Now, they may be forced to delve into the transfer market again and further inflate an already bulging wage bill. Vialli is still a fine player, but his managerial duties would be an impediment to him competing more regularly and he may feel that he needs to buy another striker to exert pressure on Flo and Zola.

Forssell, who impressed Vialli during a loan spell that he spent at Stamford Bridge and who played in Helsinki's European Cup Champions League match against Benfica last Wednesday, is not yet accomplished enough to do that. Whether Chelsea, who have

Merson bows out. Evans under fire.

spent lavishly already, have any money left in the kitty is also questionable.

Casiraghi was hurt in a sickening collision with Rio Ferdinand, the West Ham defender, and Shaka Hislop, the goalkeeper, in the 21st minute of Chelsea's 1-1 draw in the Loufifth place in the FA Carling Premiership and unbeaten in the league since the opening day of the season.

Chelsea hope that the operation to repair the damage will be performed by the end of this week, either by David Dandy, the Cambridge sur-geon, who helped Alan Shearer to recover from his cruciate injury, or by John King, the London specialist. It is also possible that Casiraghi may fly to Colorado for surgery and Chelsea are also planning to allow him to return to Italy

to speed his convalescence. Casiraghi's misfortune capped a miserable start to his Premiership career. He scored just once, an opportunistic goal against Liverpool at An-field, in Chelsea's ten league games. He did not lack for ef-fort, but luck seemed continusion of shots and headers rebounded off every part of the crossbar and goalposts.

Vialli remained loyal to him

amid the other changes he made to the team, but if he had failed to score against West Ham, the clamour for Flo's inclusion might have become too loud for the player-manager to ignore. The Norwegian, who scored for his country against Brazil in the World Cup. is now likely to be given the ex-tended run in the side that he has been denied since Rund Gullit signed him from SK Brann at the start of last

Neither he nor Zola, though are out-end-out strikers likely to provide 20 goals a season in the way Cheisea hoped that Casiraghi would. He never really had a chance to prove them



Vialli: double signing



Adams, treasurer of the West Indies Players' Association, sees no reason to be cheerful during a break in negotiations

West Indies players to go through with tour

THE West Indies cricketers will be touring South Africa this winter. After six days of controversy, a deal was finally reached last night between the rebel players and the West In-dies Cricket Board (WICB) at a

Heathrow hotel. The agreement followed nearly 20 hours of negotiations, which were sparked off last Wednesday when Brian Lara, the captain, and Carl Hooper, his vice-captain, were

The players, who were demanding more money and better conditions for the 314-month tour, backed Lara and Hooper and refused to go. The 16 players were last night packing their bags and prepar-ing to leave their hotel for Johannesburg, where they are ex-pected to take part in the open-ing game against Gauteng in Soweto tomorrow.

Last-minute hitches held up the deal and forced the opening game against an Oppenhe-imer XI in Joannesburg, which was scheduled to be

played today, to be cancelled. With Ali Bacher, the manag-ing director of the South African board, who had flown to London last Friday, trying to reconcile the opposing sides, there had seemed to be a breakthrough at 2am yesterday, when the negotiators went to

bed.
Pat Rousseau, the WICB
president, believed that a deal
president, believed that a deal had been agreed. However, when the 16 players, who were staying in a different hotel 500 yards away, did not turn up at 10.30am yesterday as scheduled, it was clear that further obstacles were preventing any

At 12.35pm, Jimmy Adams, the treasurer of the West InBy PAT GIBSON AND JOHN GOODBODY

(WIPA), arrived with Barrie Gill, of CSS, the sports management company that is representing the players, together with two lawyers from Collyer-Bristow, a Holborn firm of solicitors.

Further talks then took place, at which the WICB was also represented by Richard de Souza, a board member, and Chris Dehring, the marketing manager. Both had flown to London to try to resolve the deadlock, which had already endured for longer than a Test match. Also playing a significant role was Clive

England on the rack....

Lloyd, the manager of the tour and a former West Indies cap-

A sponsorship deal to im-prove the financial package for the players has been brokered by Dave Richardson, the former South Africa wicket-keeper, in conjunction with a sports marketing company in Johannesburg.

Richardson said: "The fact that we have been able to obtain a sponsor in the last two days will hopefully assist the board and the players in get-ting together and solving this difficulty." However, he emphasised that the presence of both Lara

and Hooper on the tour was essential to the deal. There was increased pressure from the South African Broadcasting Company (SABC), which will be televising matches on the tour. Edward Griffiths, the head of SABC, said: "We will not put up with anything less

than a full strength side. We owe it to our sponsors, viewers and advertisers."

The five Test matches are projected to attract 300,000 spectators and the seven oneday games are guaranteed

Bacher has made it clear that Lara's presence is essen-tial. He said: The black population will come to watch the West Indies, but they will still support the South African boys. Lara is vital to the tour. He's been to the townships. He's done good work there." At 5pm yesterday, a West In-

dies flag was raised behind a desk for an imminent press conference in the Connaught Suite of the Radisson Edwardian Hotel, where the negotiations were taking place. However, there was no announce ment and the negotiators and the players were up against a tight deadline. The last flight to Johannesburg was due to leave at 9.45pm. The first fourday game, against Griqua-land West, is due to begin in

Kimberley on Saturday. There is also political pres-sure on the rebel players. Last Friday, President Nelson Mandela sent personal letters to them saying that he would be "honoured" to meet them and begged them to tour South Africa this winter for the sake of the youngsters in his country The 16 letters were delivered in a package to Courtney Walsh the West Indies fast bowler shortly after Bacher arrived in

London. However, they did not have an immediate impact in solv-ing the biggest crisis in interna-tional cricket since the 1977 hreakaway of many of the world's leading players to play in a series of games sponsored

Dallaglio misses England opener

By DAVID HANDS

ENGLAND will start their international campaign this season without Lawrence Dalaglio, their captain. Dallaglio twisted his knee playing for Wasps at Northampton on Sat-urday and will miss the World Cup qualifying game against The Netherlands in Huddersfield on Saturday, leaving Martin Johnson to lead the side for the first time.

Keen though Dallaglio is to resume his international career after the summer hiatus, it is not a decision that will have caused either him or Clive Woodward, his coach, much anguish. There are tougher tasks to come, against Italy, in the second qualifying game, and then Australia and South Africa. Far better for Dallaglio to rest the injury in

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Quinnell set for Wales 48

the hope of playing against the Italians on November 22.

He leaves the team in capa-ble hands: Johnson led the British Isles to victory against South Africa last year and has been in wonderful form for Leicester this season. Martin Corry, also of Leicester, has been added to the squad as back-five cover. Woodward will name his team to play The

Netherlands on Thursday, The training squad was pruned down to 33 yesterday, leaving Sale free to select Barrie-Jon Mather for their Allied Dunbar Premiership game with West Hartlepool on Friday, while George Chuter, of Saracens, Ben Sturnham, of Bath, and the injured Darren Crompton, of Richmond, can also return to their clubs.

Anthony Sullivan, Cardiff's recruit from St Helens rugby league club, must put his international hopes on hold: after two games of club rugby union, Sullivan was overlooked for the Wales side to play South Africa on Saturday. ENGLAND SQUAD: Backs: N Beal (Nor ampson), M Perry (Bath), T Belta (Sala), Luger (Harlaquirs), T Underwood (Ne eastle), S Brown (Richmond), D Rec

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